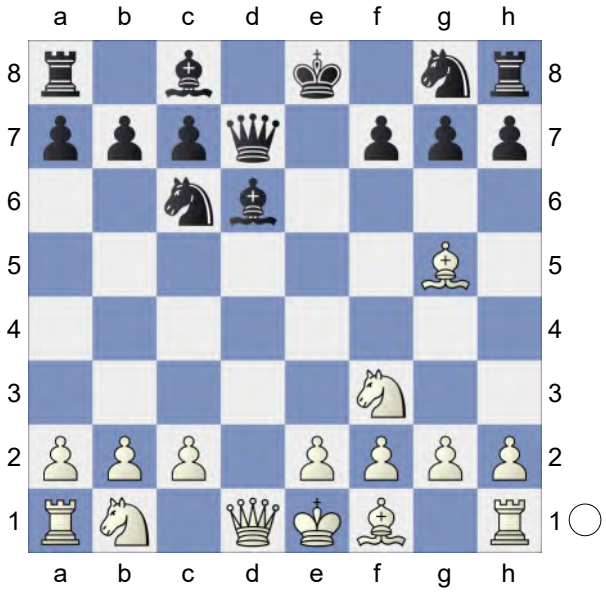
The Hartlaub-Charlick Gambit
Annotated Reference Games

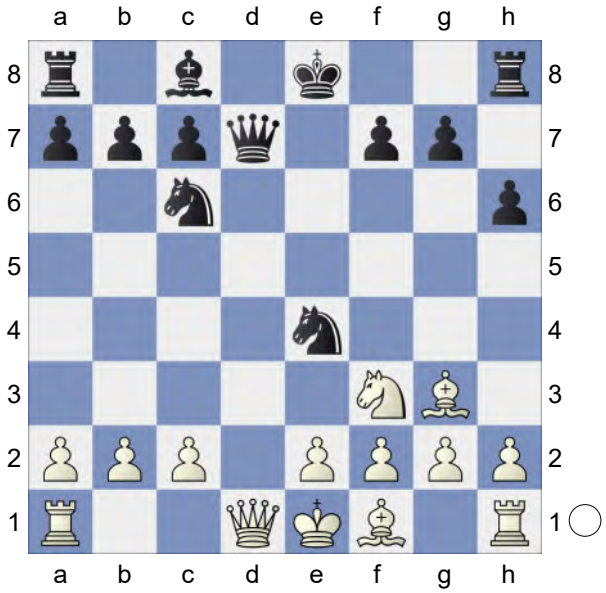
Chess Notes 2025

1 **A40**
□ **TheMatrix2025** **3073**
■ **ToromBot** **3029**
Blitz 21.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

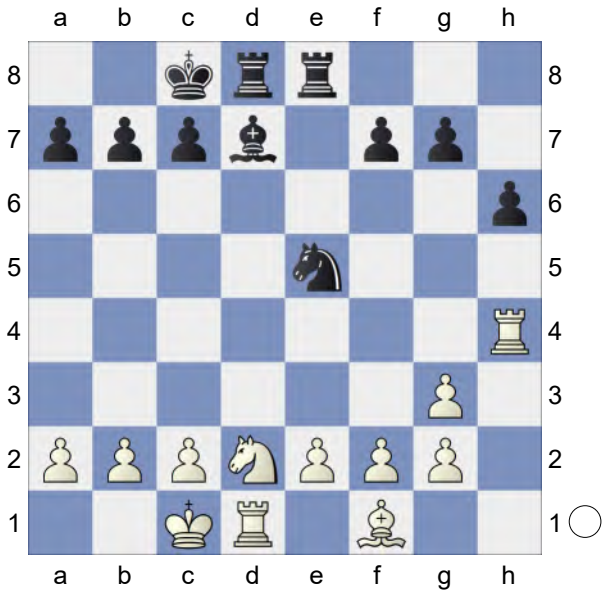
Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6



6.Nc3 h6 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.Nb5
White is clearly better. **8...Nf5 9.Nxd6+ Nxd6 10.Bg3 Ne4**



11.Qxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0-0
[12.Bxc7 Rc8±]
12...0-0-0 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3
[14.fxg3?! Ne5=]
14...Rhe8 15.Rh4N
[15.e3 Ne5 16.f3 f5 17.e4 Re7 18.Re1 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rde8 20.Bd3 Nxd3+ 21.cxd3 Be6 22.a3 Bf7 23.Kd2 Re6 24.Nc3 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Rxe1 26.Kxe1 Kd7 27.d4 Bc4 28.Kd2 g6 29.Ke3 b6 1-0 (69) The Magnificent Bob (2994)-Hoon (2842) Rapid 2024]
15...Ne5



16.f3 Against Ng4 **16...Re7 17.e4 Be6 18.Rh1 f5 19.Re1 fxe4 20.Nxe4**
[But not 20.Rxe4 Bd5±]
20...Bd7

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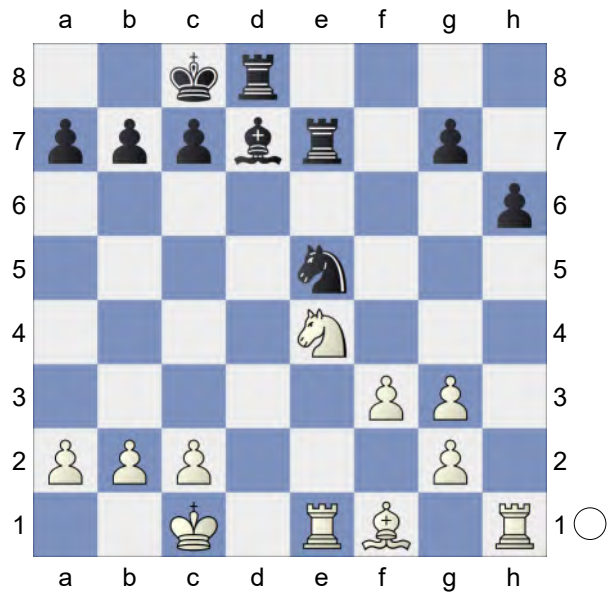
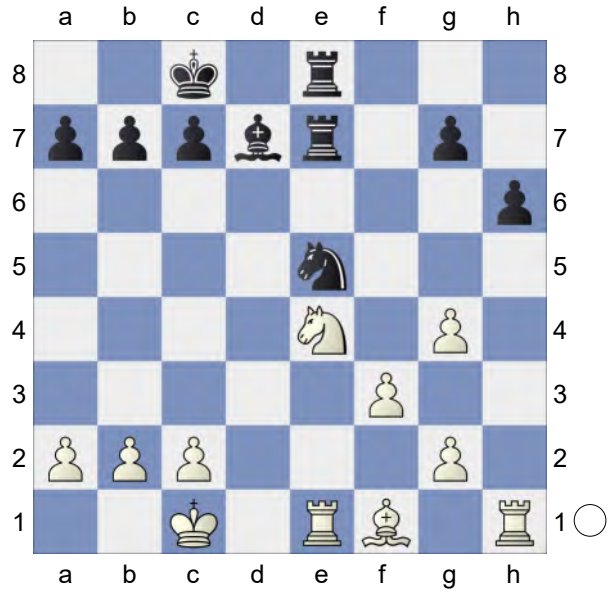


21.g4 Rde8



22.Bd3! Ng6 23.Kd2 Nf4 24.g3 Nxd3 25.cxd3 Bc6

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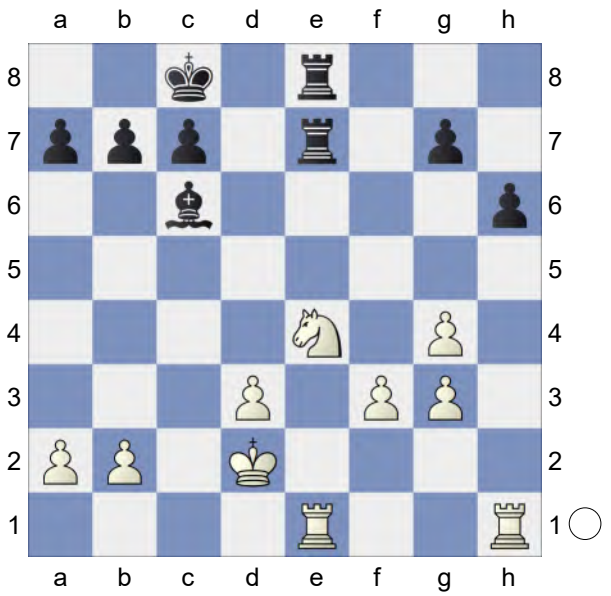

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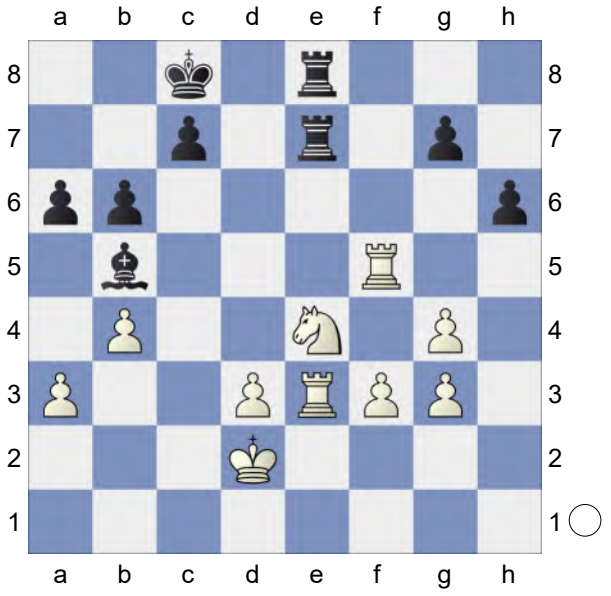

31.Re2 Kb7 32.Rd5 Bc6 33.Rh5 Kc8 34.Rf5 Bb5 35.Rd5 Bc6

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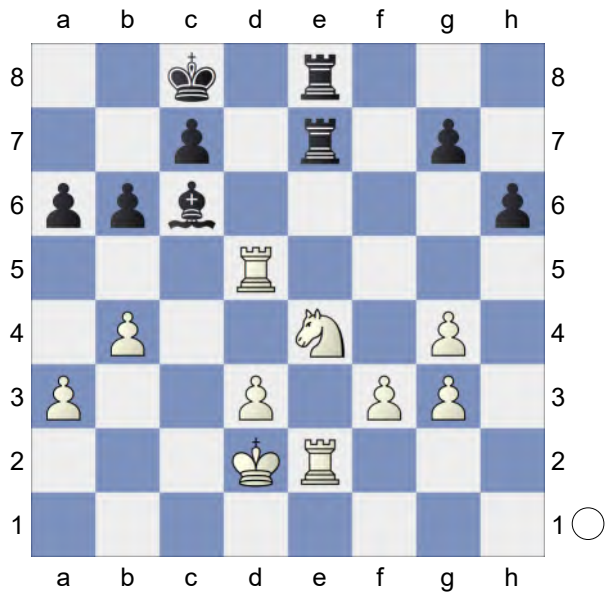
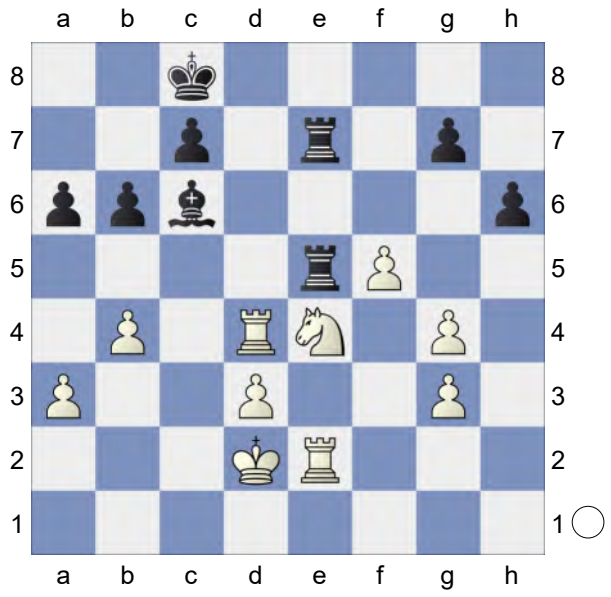


36.Rf5 Bb5 37.Rd5 Bc6 38.Rd4 Re6 1.81/20

[38...Rf7± 1.37/19]

39.f4+- R8e7 40.f5 Re5



41.Ke3 Ba4 42.Kd2 Bc6 43.Ke3 Ba4 44.Re1 Re8 45.Kf4 Kb7

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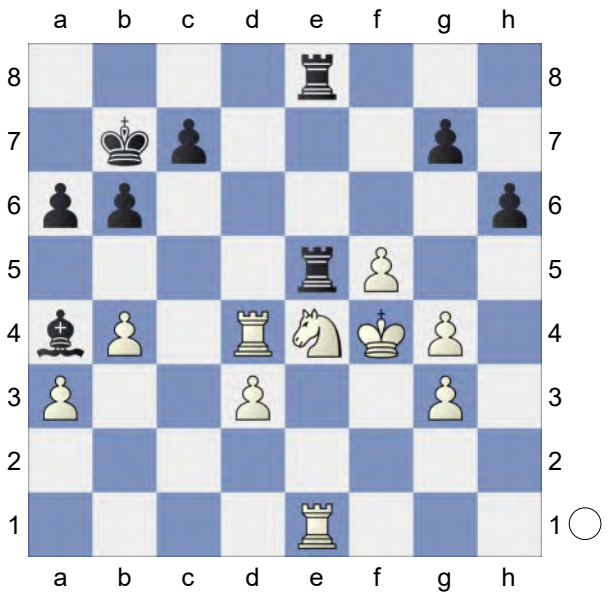


46.Rc1 Bb5 47.Rd1 2.18/21

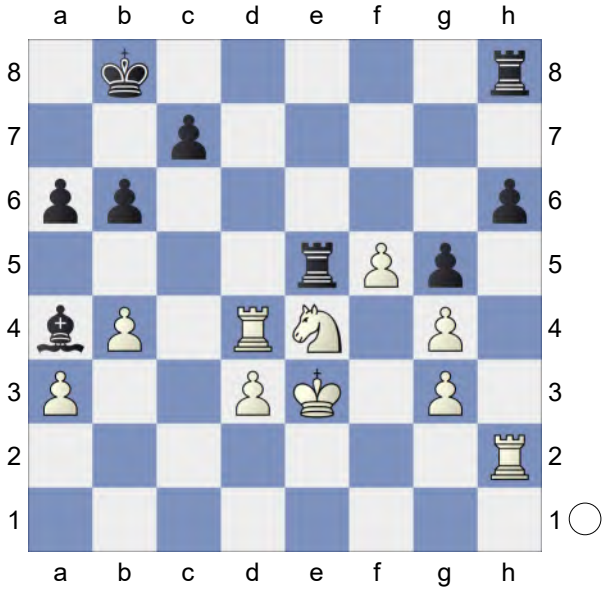
White is more active.

[47.Rc3± 1.19/20]

47...Ba4 48.Rd2 g5+ 49.Ke3 Kb8 2.59/19

[⌓49...Bb5 1.80/19 50.Rh2 c5]

50.Rh2 Rh8



51.Kd2 Dodges Bd1. Threatens to win with Nxg5. **51...Ree8 52.Nc3 Bc6 53.a4 Re5 54.Ne4 Ree8 55.a5 Kb7**

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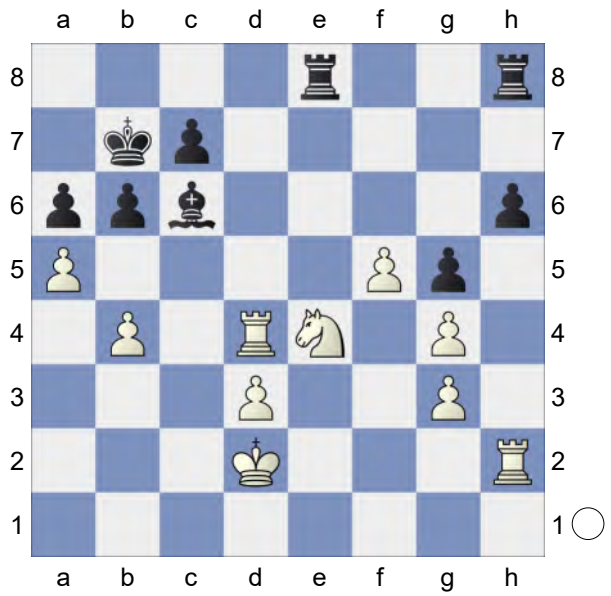
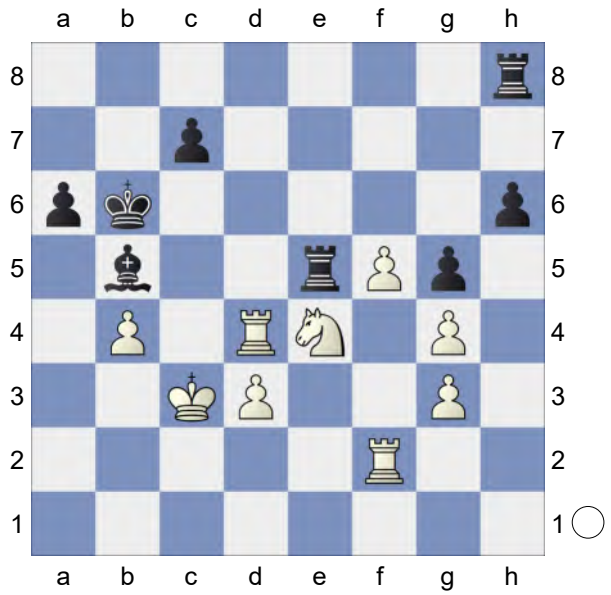


56.axb6 Kxb6 57.Kc3 Bb5 58.Rh1 Bc6 59.Rh2 Bb5 60.Rf2 Re5



61.Rf1 Re7 62.Rh1 Ree8 63.Rh2 Ra8 64.Rd5 Rae8 65.Kd4 Re7

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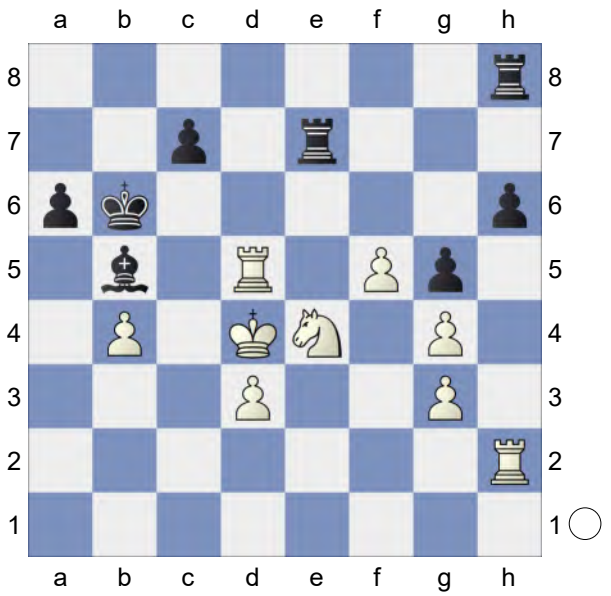
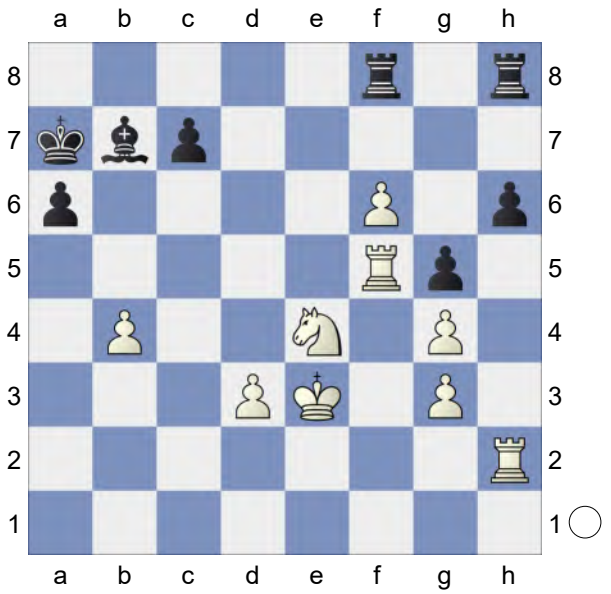


66.Nc5

[66.Nxg5 Bc6+-]

66...Bc6 67.f6! Rf7 68.Rf5 Ka7 69.Ne4 Bb7 70.Ke3 Rff8



71.Rhf2 Bc8 72.Re5 Bxg4 73.Re7 Wards off Rf7 **73...Kb8 74.Rc2 h5** 7.38/20

[⌓74...Rc8 4.50/17 75.f7 Bd1]

75.Rcxc7

[Weaker is 75.Nxg5 Rxf6 76.Rcxc7 *(76.Rexc7 Rg8=)* 76...Re8±]

75...Bc8

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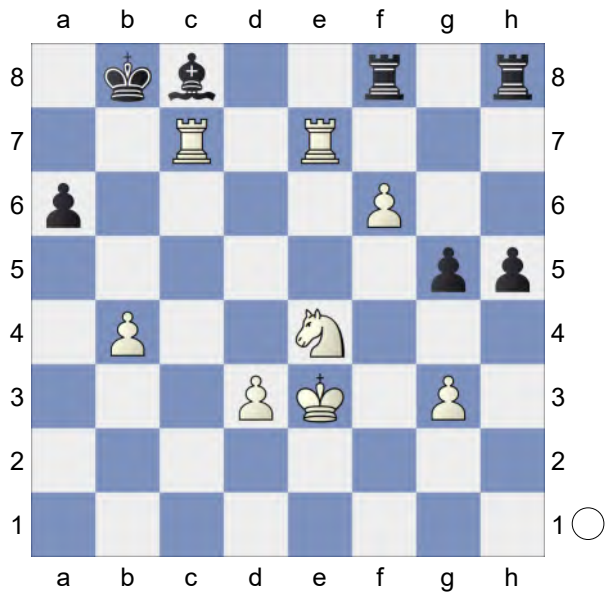
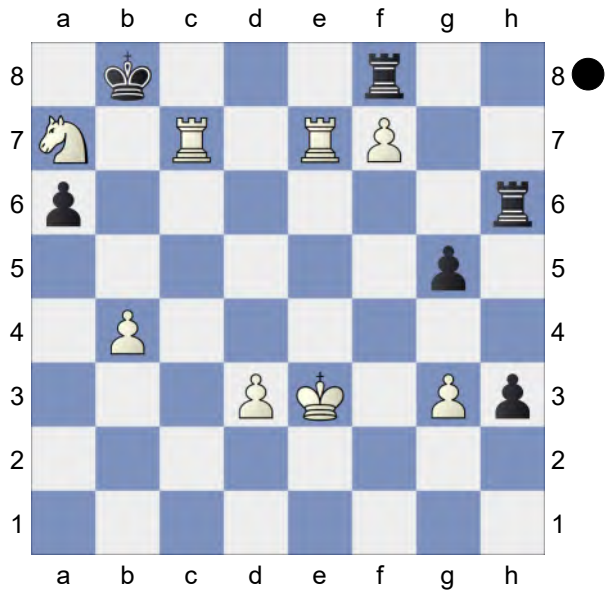


Prevents Rb7+. **76.f7**
[76.Nxg5 Rxf6 77.Ne4 Rb6=]
76...h4 77.Nd6 h3 78.Nxc8 Rh6
Repels Nb6 **79.Na7**



Re6+ 80.Kf2 h2

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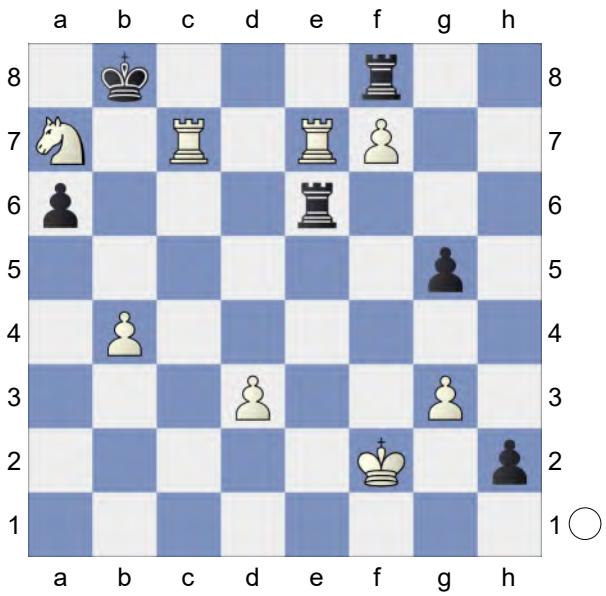
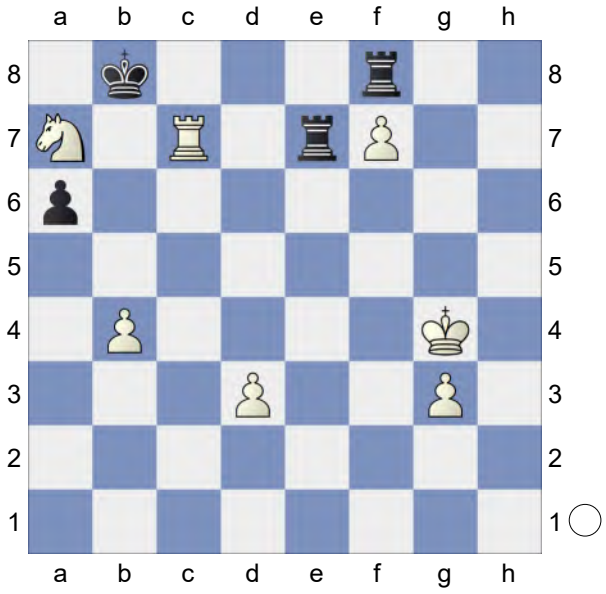
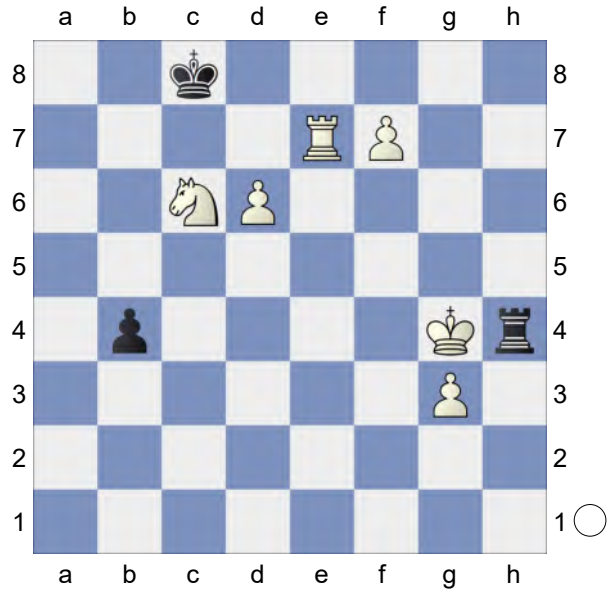


81.Kg2 Re2+ 82.Kh1 Re1+ 83.Kxh2 Re2+ 84.Kh3 White wants to mate with Nc6+. **84...g4+ 85.Kxg4 Rxe7**

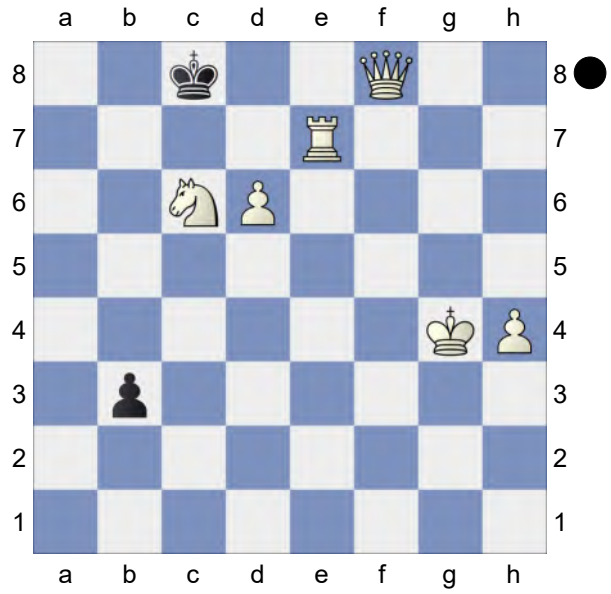


86.Rxe7 Endgame KRN-KR **86...Rh8 87.d4** 21.29/18
[⌓87.Nc6+ #9/16 Kc8 88.d4 *(88.Re8+ Kc7 89.Rxh8 Kxc6 90.f8Q Kb5 91.Qc5+ Ka4 92.Rh2 Ka3 93.Qc4 Ka4 94.Ra2#)* 88...a5 89.b5 *(89.Nxa5 Rf8 90.d5 Kd8 91.d6 Rxf7 92.Rxf7 Ke8 93.Rh7 Kf8 94.d7 Kg8 95.Re7 Kh8 96.d8Q#)* 89...Rd8 90.Nxd8 *(90.b6 Rd7 91.f8Q+ Kb7*

92.Rxd7+ Kxc6 93.Qf5 a4 94.Ra7 Kxb6 95.Qc5#) 90...Kxd8 91.f8Q#]
87...a5 88.d5 White mates. **88...axb4 89.Nc6+ Kc8 90.d6 Rh4+**



91.gxh4 b3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
92.f8Q#



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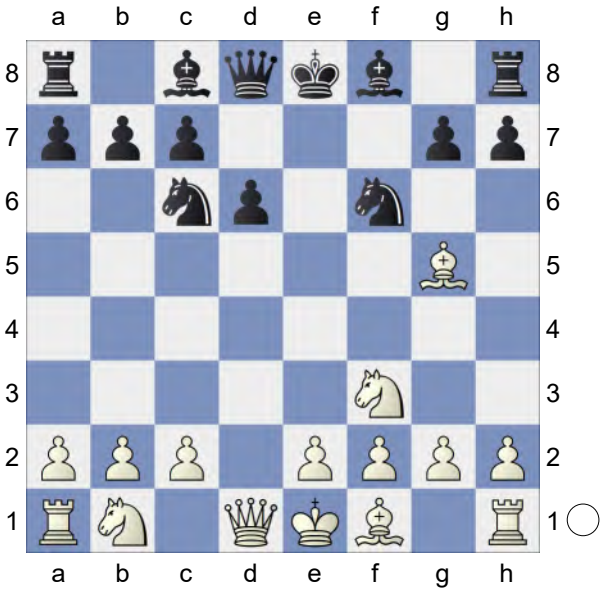
2 **A40**
□ **YuliGPrO9** **3059**
■ **ToromBot** **3067**
Blitz 14.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+2sec
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 f6 5.exf6 Nxf6



6.Nc3
[6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 Be6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3 g5 18.f4 Ng6 19.Bxh5 gxf4 20.Bg4 Qe5 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024]
6...Be7 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3 White is clearly better. **8...Kh8N**
[8...Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Ne5 11.Qxb7 Rb8 12.Qxa7 Rxb2 13.0-0 Nxd3 14.cxd3 d5 15.Rab1 Rd2 16.Rb7 Rxd3 17.Rxc7 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023]
9.0-0 Qe8 10.Qd2 Bd7
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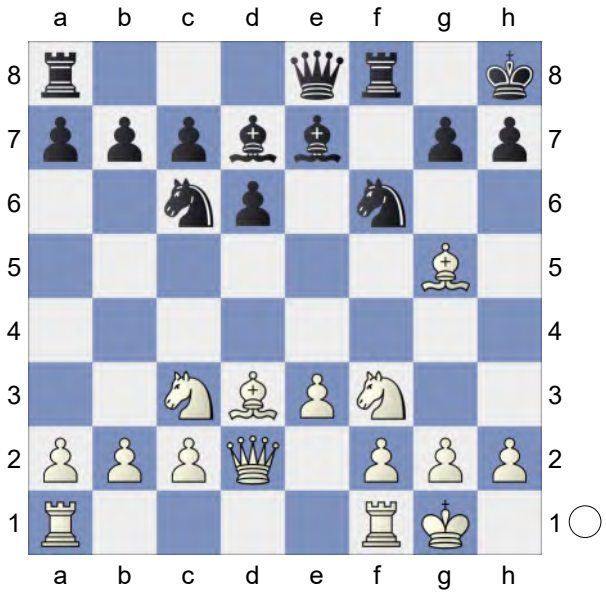
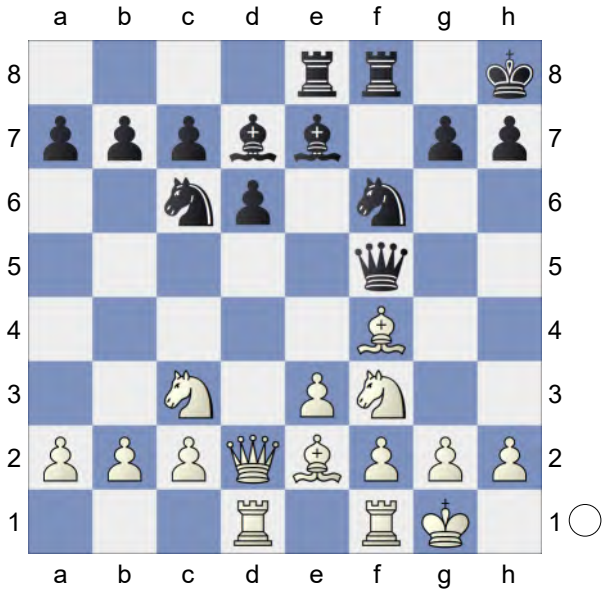


11.Rad1 Qh5 12.Be2 Rae8 13.Bf4 Qf5 14.Bd3 Qh5 15.Be2 Qf5



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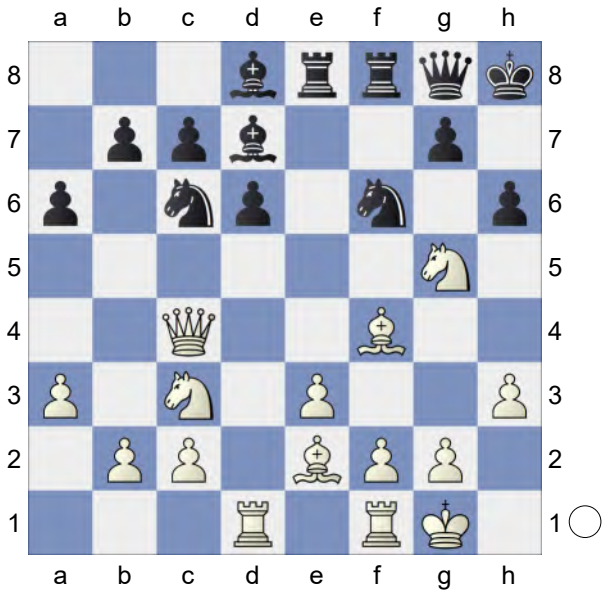
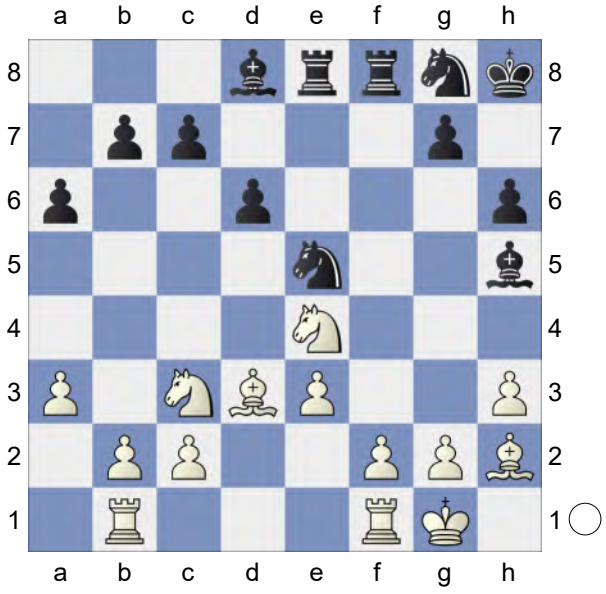


aiming for ...Qxc4. **21.Qxg8+ Nxg8 22.Nge4 Bf5 23.Bd3 Bg6 24.Bh2** 1.39/20

[24.Nc5+- 1.80/18 Bxd3 25.Nxd3]

24...Bh5 25.Rb1 Ne5



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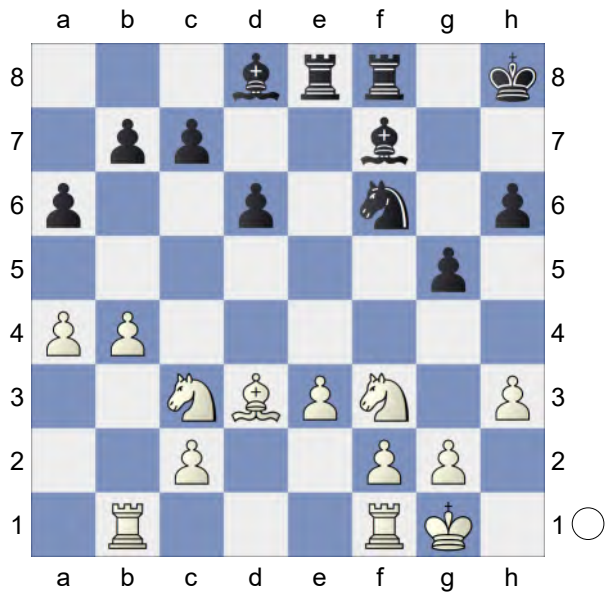

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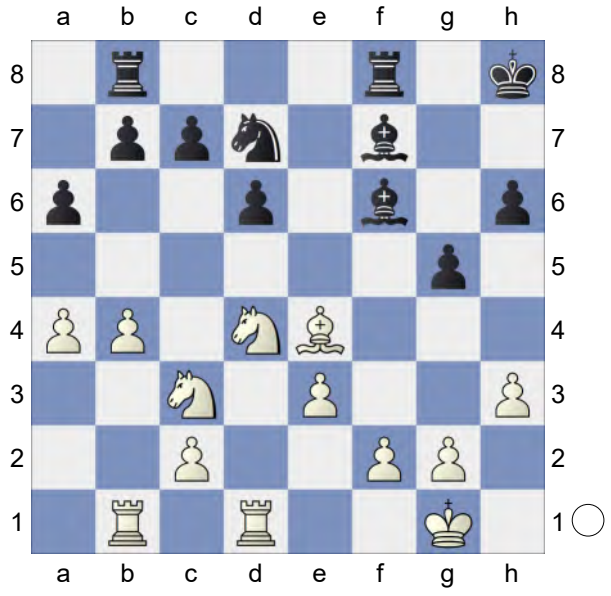

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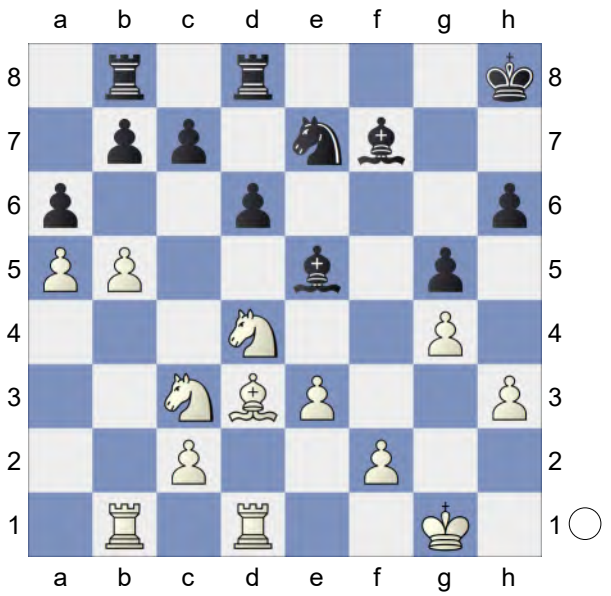
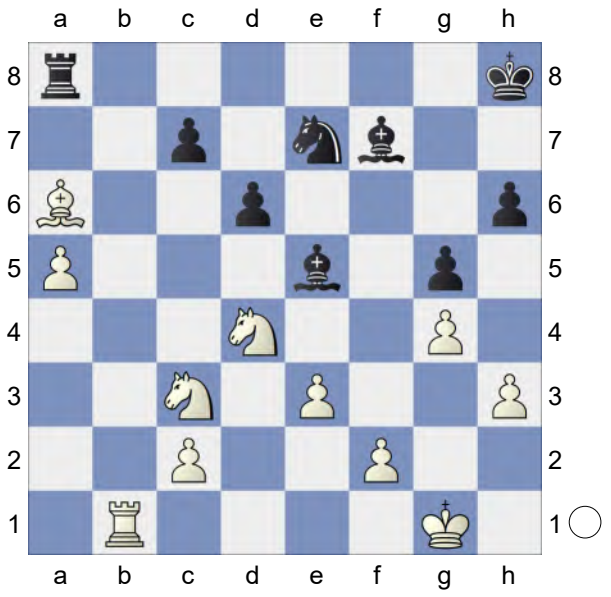


41.bxa6 bxa6 42.Bxa6 Rxb1 43.Rxb1
[43.Nxb1?! Ra8 44.Nf3 Rxa6 45.Nxe5 Bg8± *(45...dxe5 46.Rd7±)*]
43...Ra8



44.Bf1 c5 2.37/20
[44...Rxa5 1.69/20 was called for. 45.Rb7 Bxd4 46.exd4 Nd5]
45.Nde2+- Threatens to win with Rb7.
45...Rxa5

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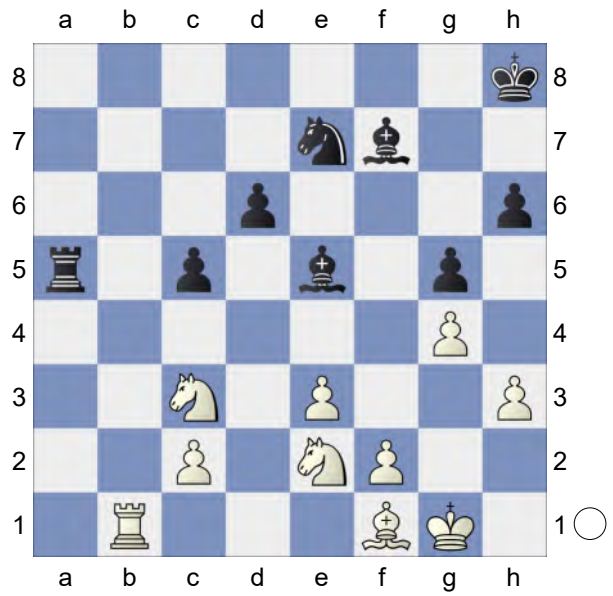
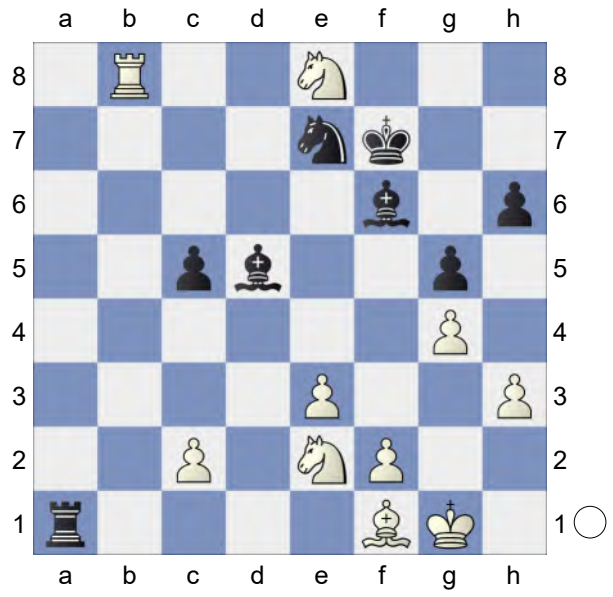


46.Rb7 Bf6 47.Ne4 Bd5 48.Rb8+
[48.Nxf6? perishes. Bxb7 49.c4 Ra1-+]
48...Kg7 49.Nxd6 Ra1 50.Ne8+ Kf7



51.Nxf6 Kxf6 52.Nc3 Bc6 53.Rb1 Ra3 54.Rb3 Ra1 55.Rb1 Ra3

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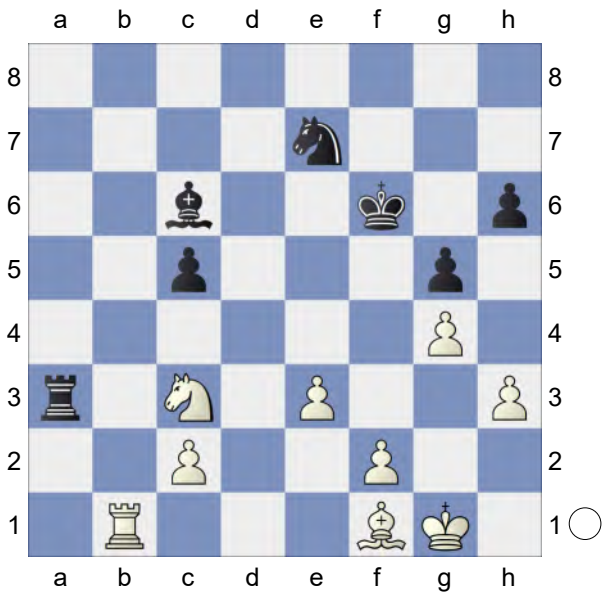
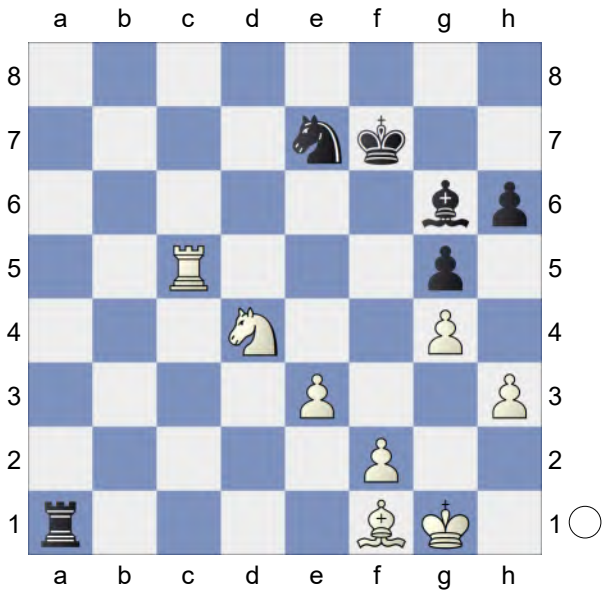


56.Ne2 Be4 57.Rb6+ Kf7 58.Rb5
[Don't take 58.Rxh6 Ng6 59.Rh7+ Ke6+-]
58...Bxc2 59.Rxc5 Bg6 60.Nd4 Ra1



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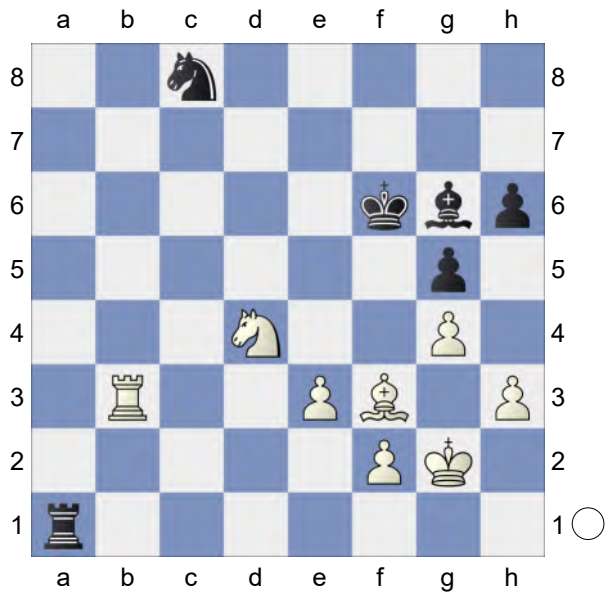
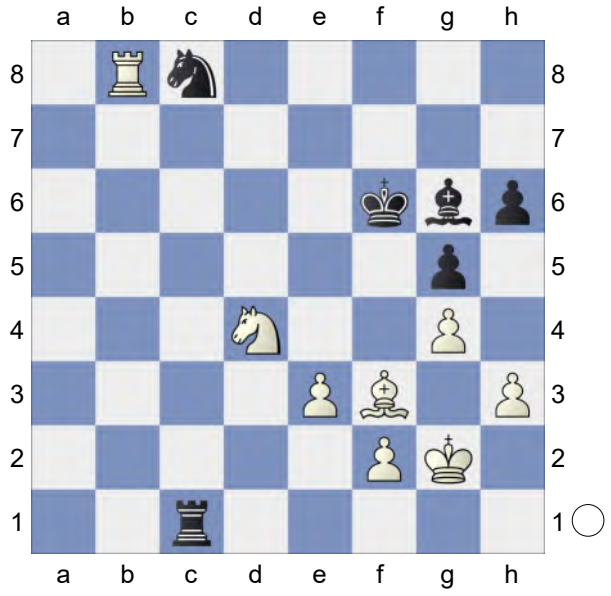


66.Rb8 Rc1



67.h4! Bd3

[67...gxh4 68.Kh3]

68.Rb3 Bc4 69.Rb7 Ne7 70.h5 Bf7

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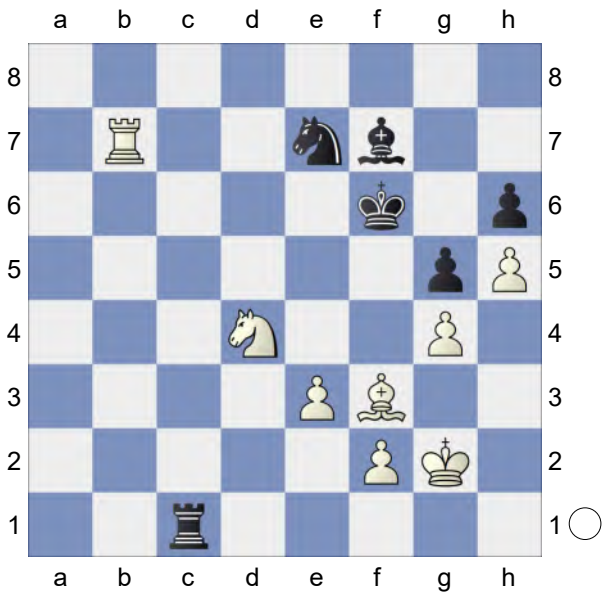
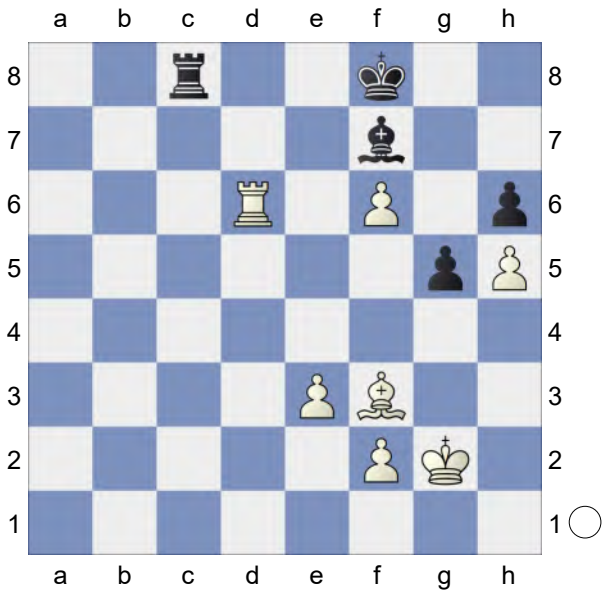


71.Rd7 White is clearly winning.

71...Rc4 72.Rd6+ Kg7 73.Nf5+ Nxf5 74.gxf5 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is two pawns up. **74...Kf8 75.f6 Rc8**



76.Bg4 Re8 77.Kf3 Kg8 78.e4 Kh8 79.Ke3 Kg8 80.f3 Kf8

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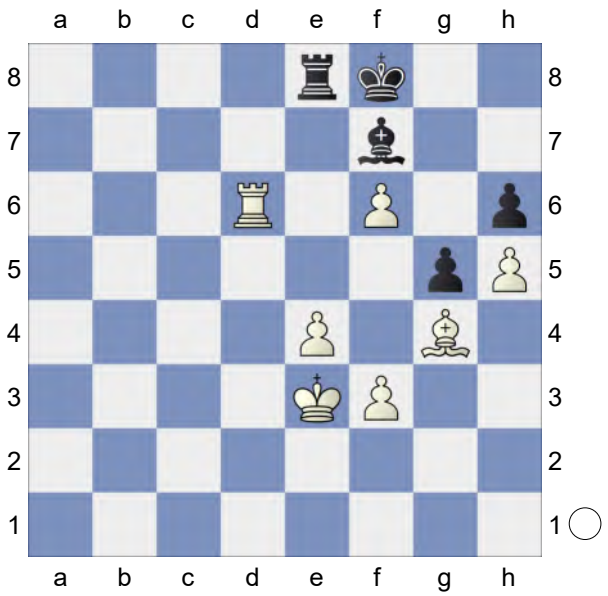
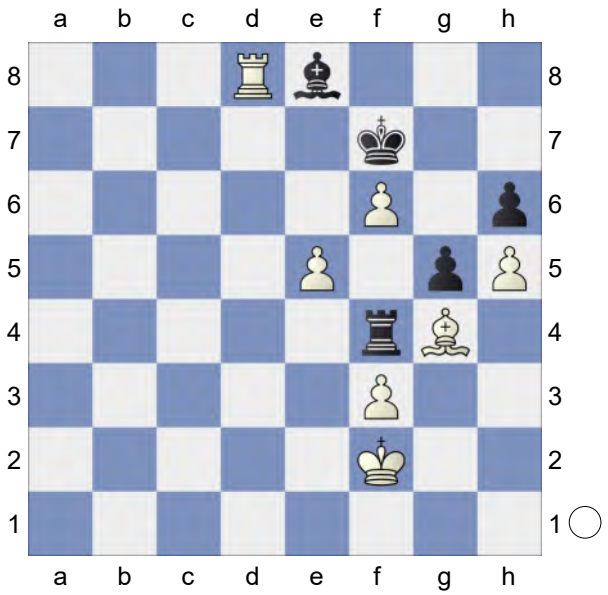


81.Kd4 Ra8 82.e5 Ra4+ 83.Ke3 Be8 84.Kf2 Rf4 85.Rd8 Kf7

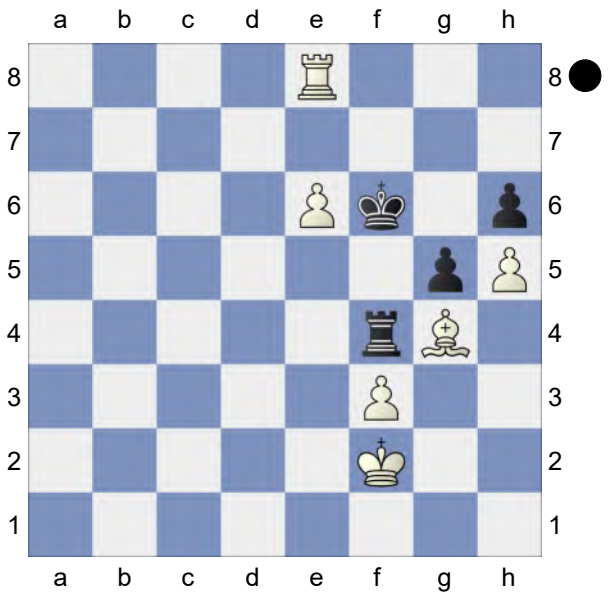


86.e6+ Kxf6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

87.Rxe8

(Diagram)



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3 **A40**

□ **GoTo2026** **2968**

■ **PchelkinVK** **2663**

Blitz 09.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6**

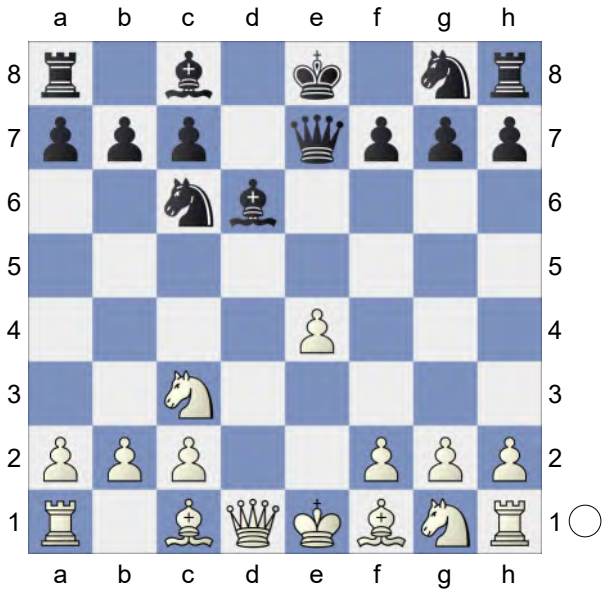
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

3...Bxd6 4.Nc3N

[4.Nf3 Nc6 *(4...Qe7 5.g3 Bg4 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.c3 0-0-0 8.Qa4 Nf6 9.0-0 h5 10.Bg5 h4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qxg4+ Kb8 13.Nbd2 hxg3*

14.hxg3 Qh6 15.Rfd1 Bc5 16.Ne4 Bb6 17.Qg5 Qh7 18.Nc5 f6 19.Qe3 1-0 (32) Lets Go Argentina (2580)-Is Er Nog Hoop (2585) Blitz 2024*; 4...Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1* ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986*)* 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]

4...Nc6 5.e4 Qe7

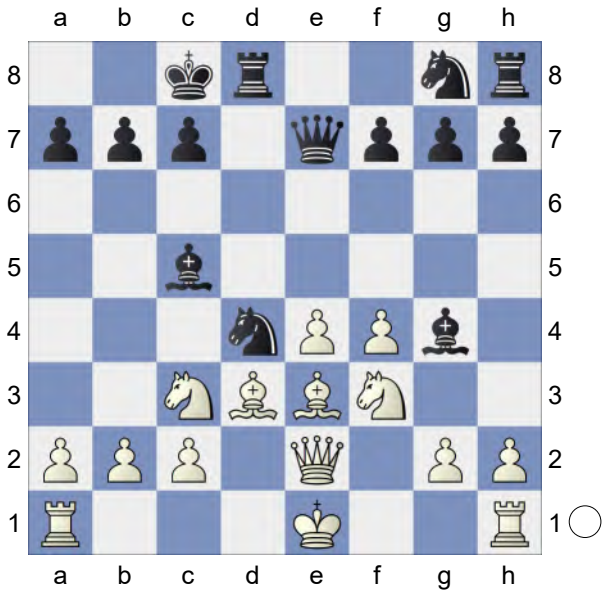


6.Bd3 Be6 Repels Nd5 **7.f4 0-0-0 8.Nf3** White is better. **8...Bc5 9.Qe2 Bg4** 1.69/19

[9...Nf6± 0.94/18]

10.Be3+- Nd4

(Diagram)



11.Qf2 Bxf3 12.gxf3 g5 3.04/18

[⌓12...Nh6 1.86/19]

13.f5 Black must now prevent 0-0-0.

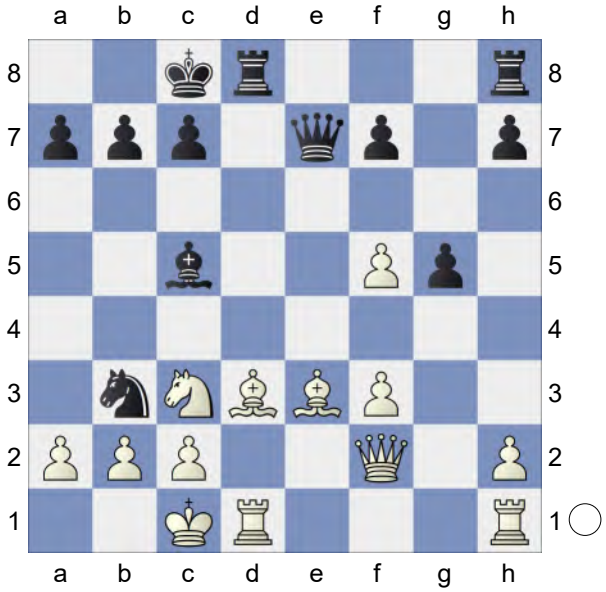
13...Nh6 Threatens to win with ...Nhxf5!.

14.0-0-0 0.88/17

[14.Nd5? Rxd5 15.f6 *(15.exd5 Nhxf5 16.0-0-0 Qxe3+ 17.Rd2 Re8-+)* 15...Qe5-+ *(15...Qxf6? 16.0-0-0-+)*]

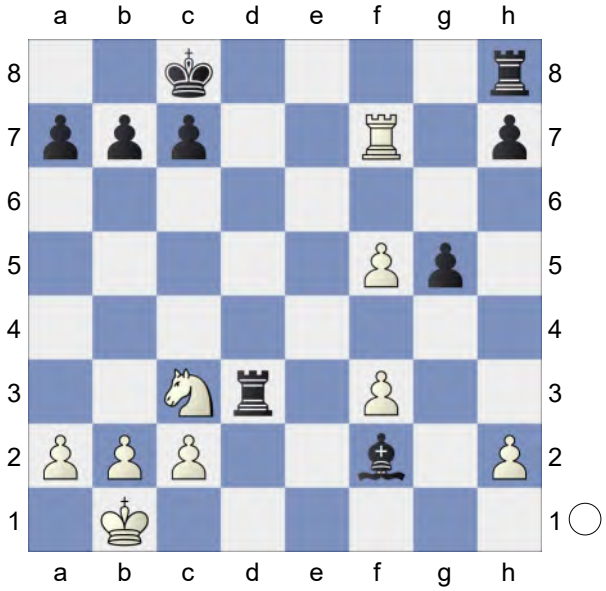
[14.Kf1+- 2.04/20 is more deadly.]

14...Nhxf5± 15.exf5 Nb3+

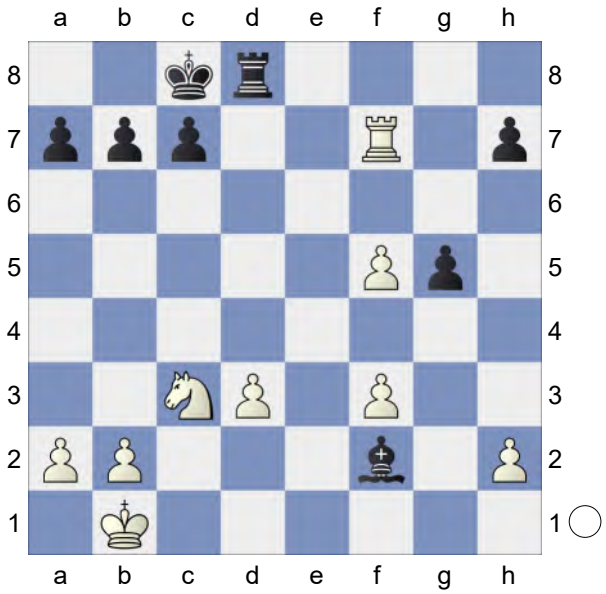


16.Kb1! Bxe3 17.Rhe1↑ White has strong initiative. **17...Bxf2 18.Rxe7 Nc5**

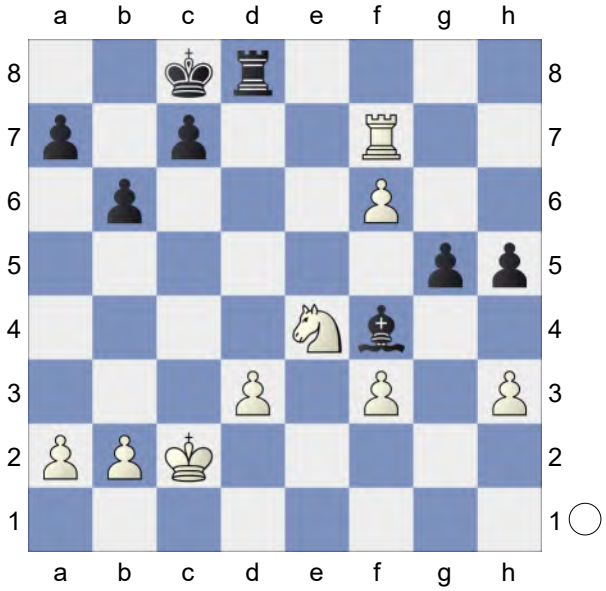
19.Rxf7 White is more active. **19...Nxd3** 1.44/23
[Black should try 19...a6 1.07/19 20.Rg7 Rhe8]
20.Rxd3
[20.cxd3?! Rdf8 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8=]
20...Rxd3



21.cxd3 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. This costs Black the game.
21...Rd8? 3.24/20
[21...Bg1± 1.39/19]

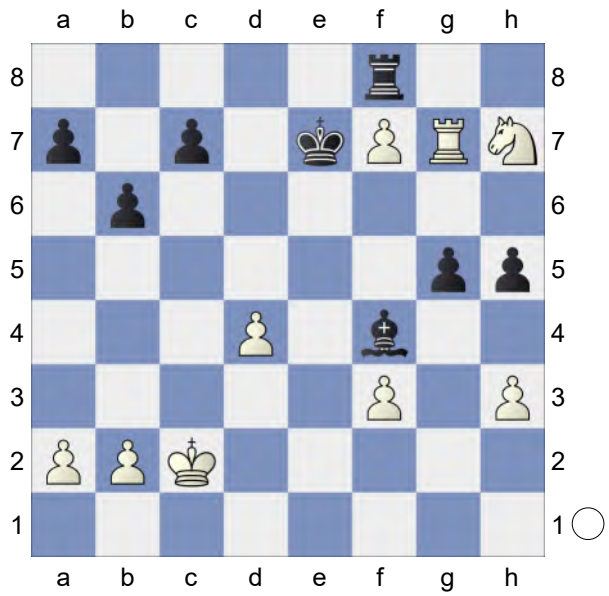


22.Ne4+-
[22.Rxh7 Rxd3 23.Rh8+ Kd7±]
22...Be3 23.Kc2
[23.Rxh7 Rd5 24.Rh8+ Rd8±]
23...h5 3.85/19
[23...Rd7 2.65/20 might work better. 24.Rxd7 Kxd7]
24.f6 Bf4 25.h3 b6



26.Rg7 White is clearly winning. **26...Rf8**
27.d4 Prevents Be5.
[27.Nxg5 Rxf6 28.Ne4 Rf5±]
27...Kb7 28.f7
[28.Nxg5 Bxg5 29.Rxg5 Rxf6±]
28...Kc6 29.Nf6
[29.Nxg5 Bxg5 30.Rxg5 Rxf7±]
29...Kd6 30.Nh7 Ke7

(Diagram)



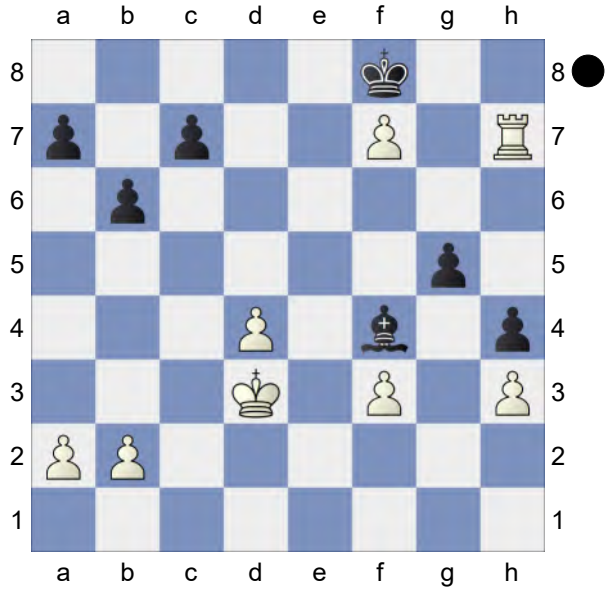
31.Nxf8

[Weaker is 31.Nxg5 Bxg5 32.Rxg5 Rxf7±]

31...Kxf8 32.Rh7 h4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.44

33.Kd3



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4 **A40**

□ **AngelitoRT** **2824**

■ **dr_xStranger** **2758**

Blitz 04.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

C41: Philidor Defence

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4N

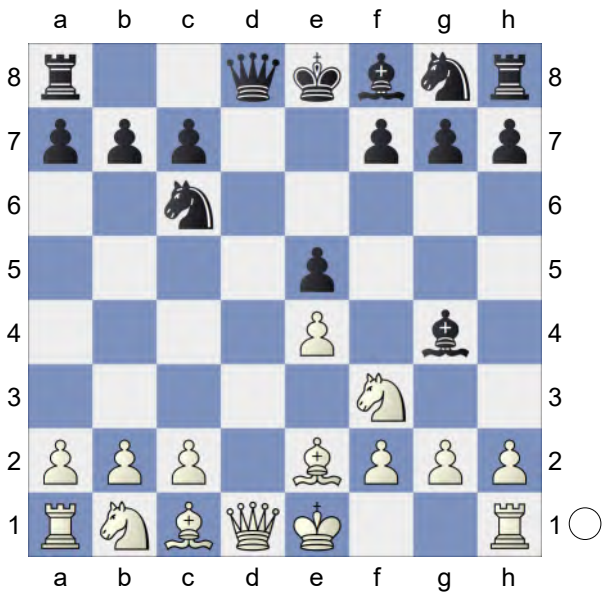
[4.Bf4 f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]

[4.Bg5

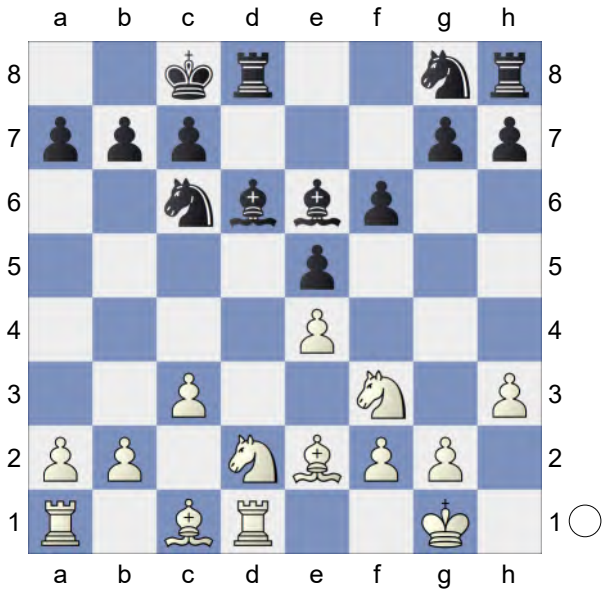
A) 4...Be7 5.Bxe7 Ngxe7 *(5...Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Rxb7* 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998*)* 6.exd6 cxd6 7.c3 0-0 8.e3 Be6 9.Be2 Qb6 10.Qc2 Bf5 11.Qb3 Qxb3 12.axb3 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023;

B) 4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4...Bg4 5.Be2 dxe5



6.0-0 -0.28/21
[6.Nbd2± 0.32/18]
6...Qxd1!= 7.Rxd1 Bd6 0.36/20
[Better is 7...Bxf3= -0.29/19 8.gxf3 *(8.Bxf3 Nd4=)* 8...Nd4]
8.c3 White is slightly better. **8...0-0-0 9.Nbd2 f6 10.h3 Be6**



11.Bc4 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Nge7 13.Be3 Ng6 14.a4 a6 15.b4 Nf4

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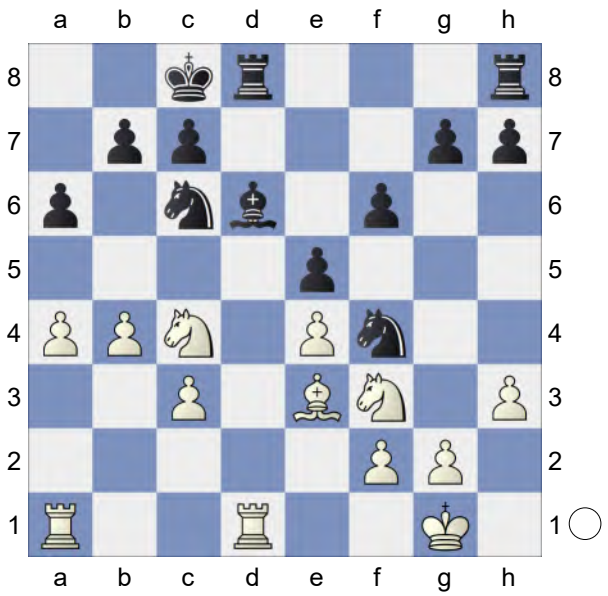
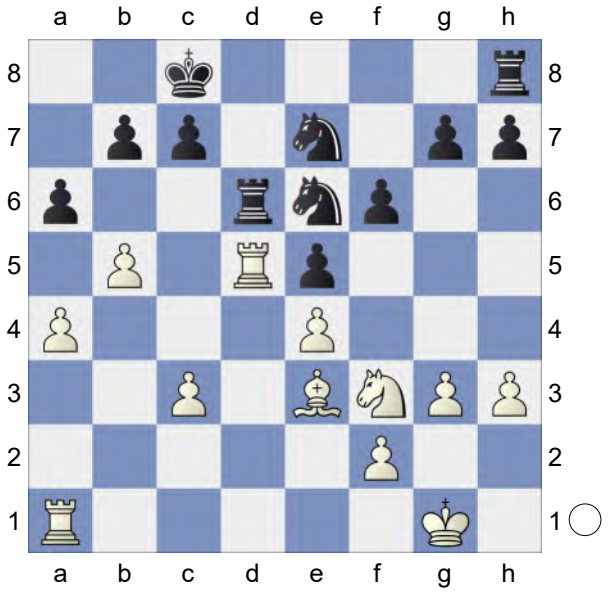


16.b5 Ne7 1.60/21
[16...Nb8± 0.41/17]
17.Rd2? -0.10/21
[17.Bxf4± 1.60/21 and Be3 should not be overlooked exf4 18.Nd4]
17...Neg6 0.69/19
[17...Ne6= -0.10/21]
18.g3 Ne6! 19.Rd5 Prevents Bc5.
19...Ne7 20.Nxd6+ Rxd6



21.Rxd6 cxd6 22.c4 Rd8 23.Nd2 Nc5 24.Kg2 Ng6 25.h4 Nf8

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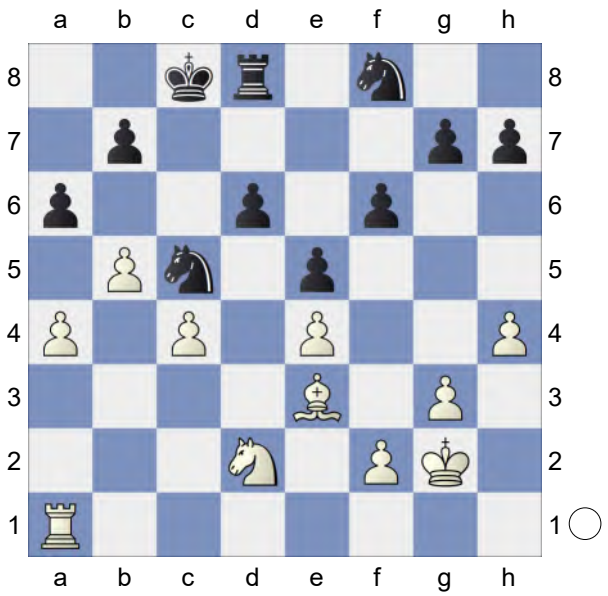
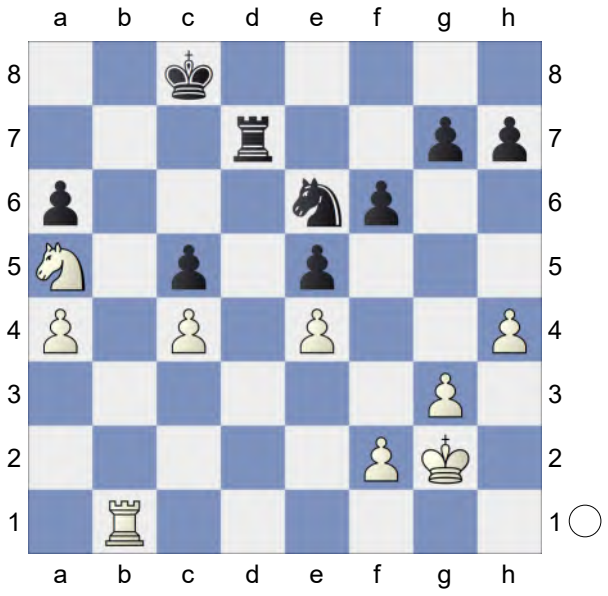


26.Bxc5 dxc5 Endgame KRN-KRN **27.Nb3 Ne6** aiming for ...Rd3. **28.bxa6 bxa6 29.Rb1 Rd3** -0.03/21

[29...Rd6∓ -0.40/23 is more appropriate.]

30.Na5 Rd7



31.Rb6 Nd4

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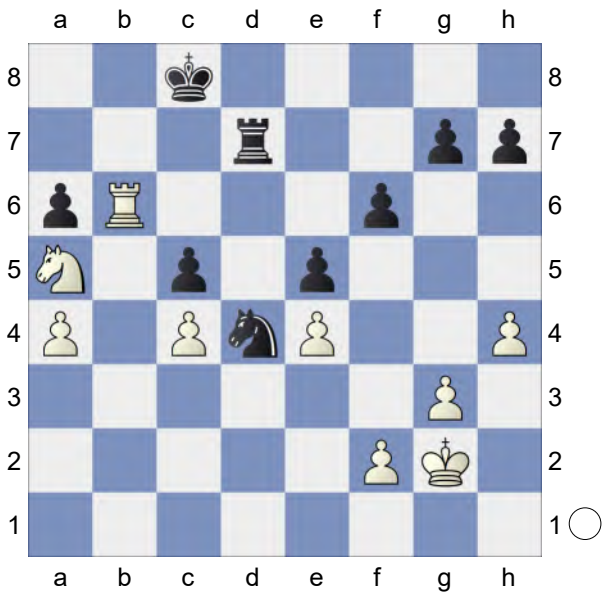
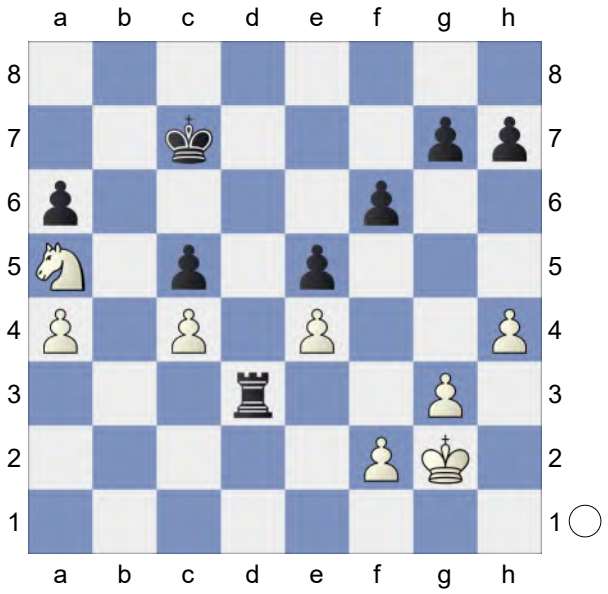


32.Rc6+? -5.05/26 **Nxc6-+** Black is clearly winning. **33.Nxc6 Kc7 34.Na5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.25 (precise)

34...Rd3



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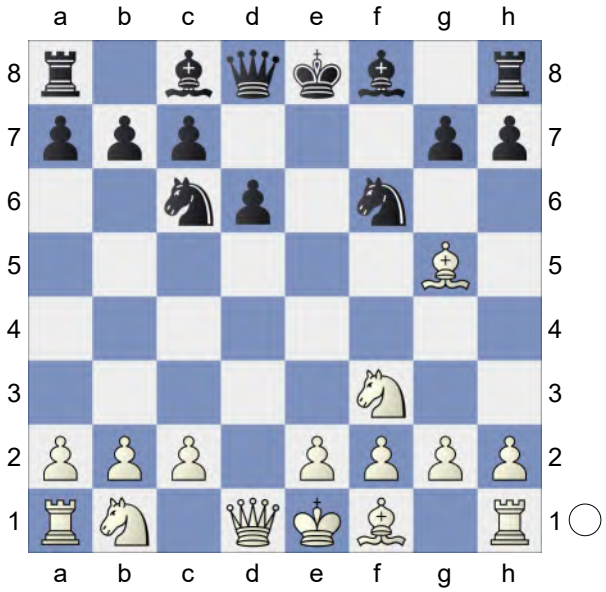
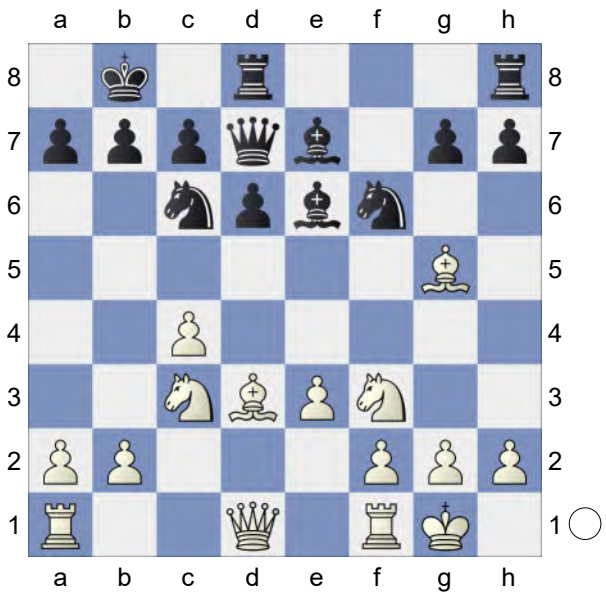
5 **A40**
□ **RipSockeye** **3006**
■ **RaspFish** **3002**
Blitz 28.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 f6 5.exf6 Nxf6

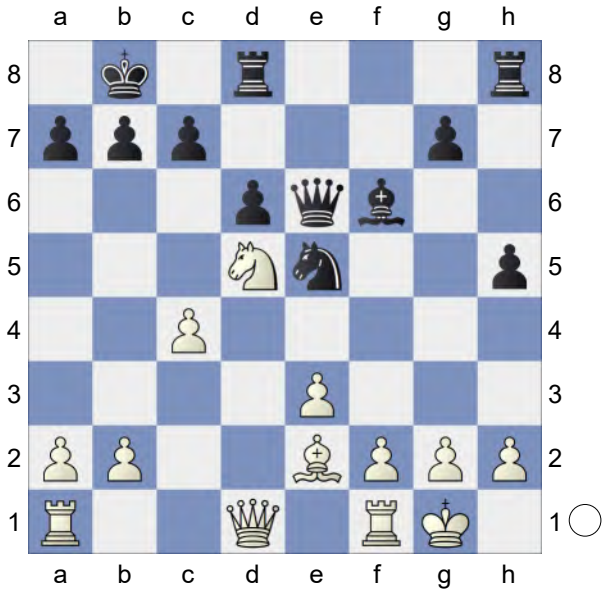


6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3N
[7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 Bf5 9.0-0 13) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit with 3...d6 #1]
7...Be6 8.0-0 White is better. **8...Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8**

(Diagram)



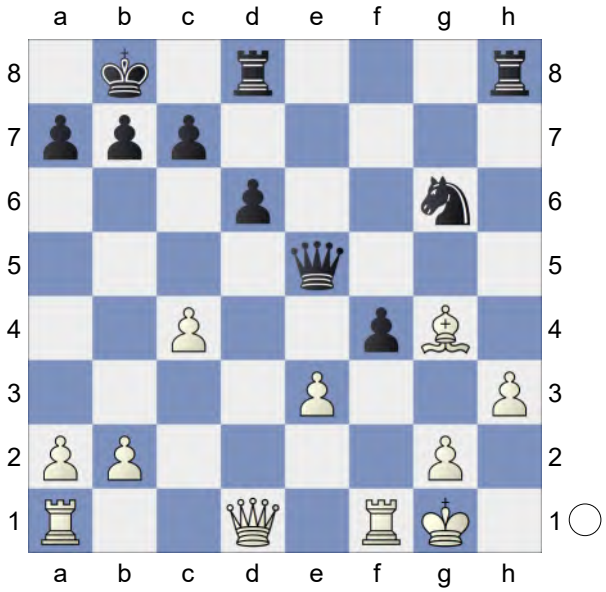
11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5



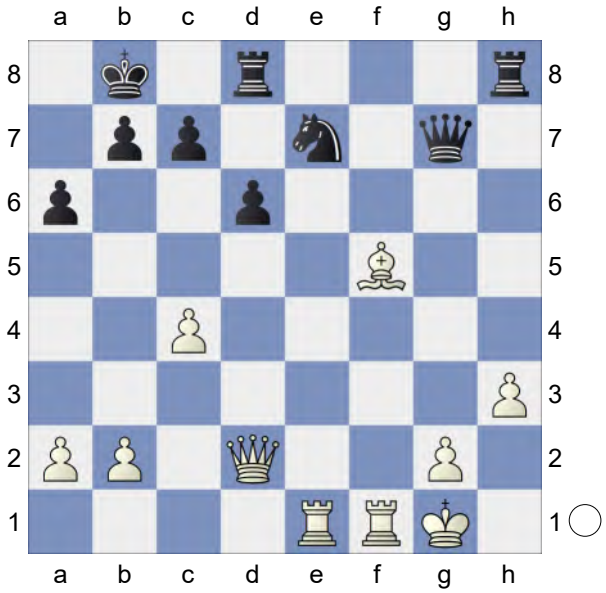
16.Nxf6 0.68/20
[16.Bxh5 c6 17.Nxf6 gxf6∓]
[Better is 16.b4± 1.04/18]
16...Qxf6± 17.h3
[17.Bxh5 Qh4 18.h3 Rxh5-+
(18...Qxh5? 19.Qxh5 Rxh5 20.b3-+)]
17...g5 18.f4
[18.Bxh5 Nxc4 19.Rc1 Ne5±]
18...Ng6 19.Bxh5 gxf4 20.Bg4? 0.80/20
[20.Qg4 Nh4 21.Qe2 *(21.exf4?*

Rdg8-+ Skewer; 21.Rxf4 Qxb2 22.Raf1 Qxg2+ 23.Qxg2 Nxg2=) 21...Qe5∓]
[20.Kh1+- 2.39/17 and the rest is easy.]

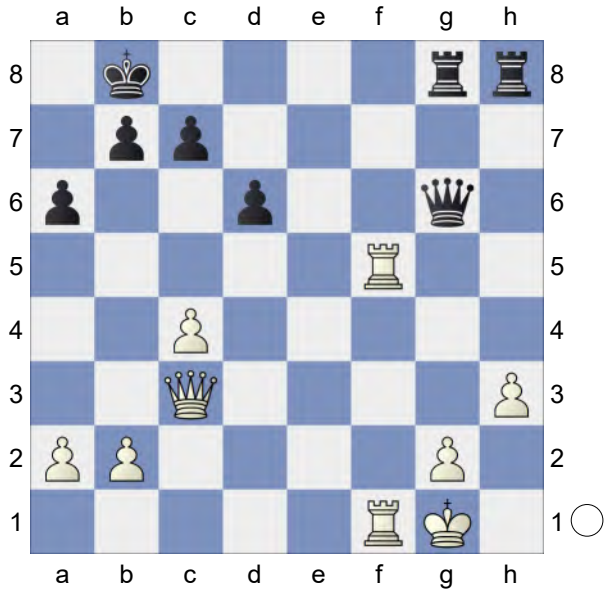
20...Qe5
[20...Qxb2 21.Rb1 *(21.exf4 Qc3+-)* 21...Qe5 *(21...Qxa2? 22.Qd5+-)* 22.exf4 Qc5+ *(22...Nxf4? 23.Qf3+-)* 23.Kh2+-]



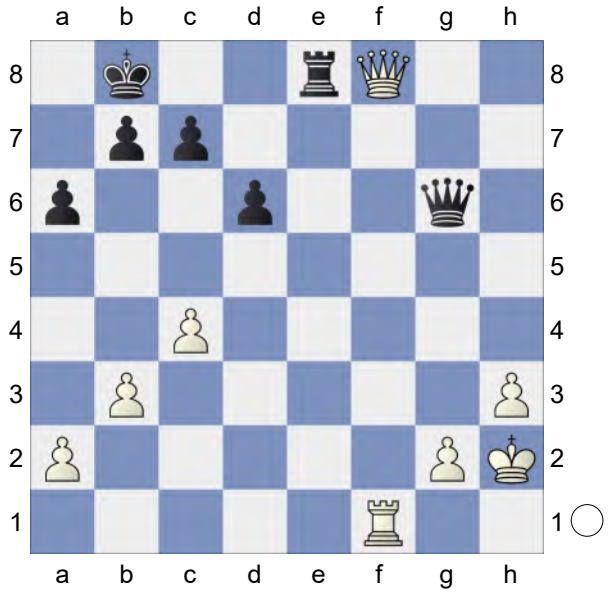
21.exf4 Nxf4 22.Qd2 Ng6 23.Rad1 a6 24.Bf5 Ne7 25.Rde1 Qg7



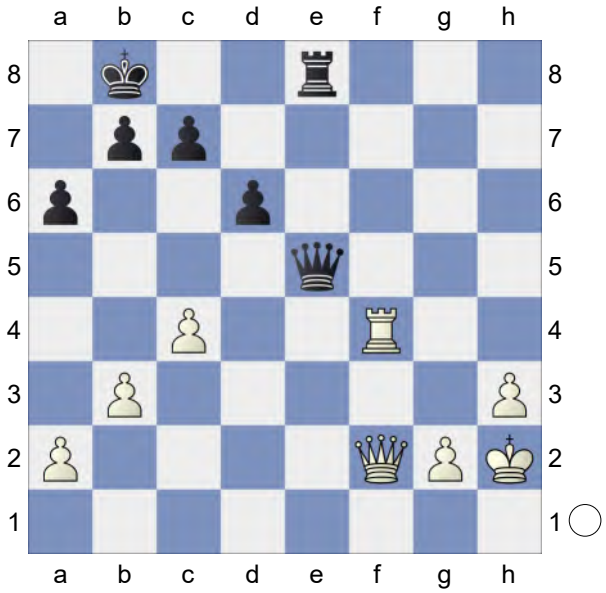
26.Qc3 Nxf5 27.Rxf5 Qg6 28.Qf3 Qg7 29.Qc3 0.01/19
[29.b3!± 0.89/20]
29...Qg6= 30.Ref1 Rdg8



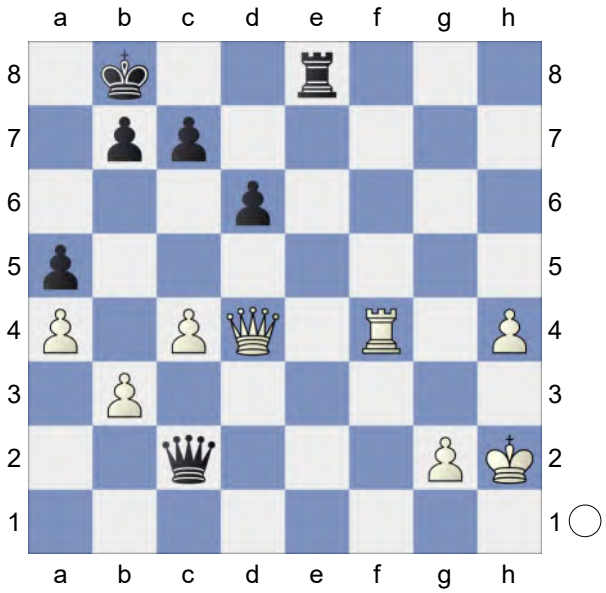
31.Qf3↑ White is in control. Active counter play! **31...Re8 32.Kh2 Rhg8 33.b3**
[33.h4 simplifies Qg7 34.Rf2 Qe7 35.Qf4]
33...Re3 Deflection **34.Rf8+**
[34.Qxe3? Qxg2#]
34...Rxf8 35.Qxf8+± Endgame. KQR-KQR **35...Re8**



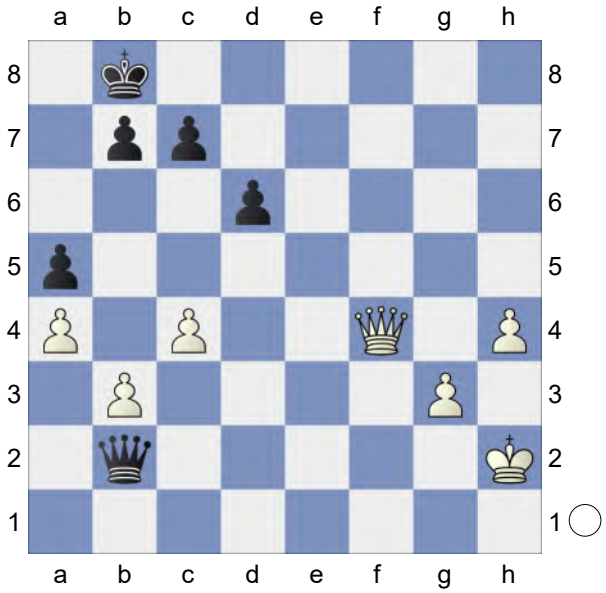
36.Qf5 Qh6 37.Rf4 Qh8 38.Qf6 aiming for Qxh8. **38...Qh5 39.Qd4 Qe2 40.Qf2** Strongly threatening Qxe2. **40...Qe5**



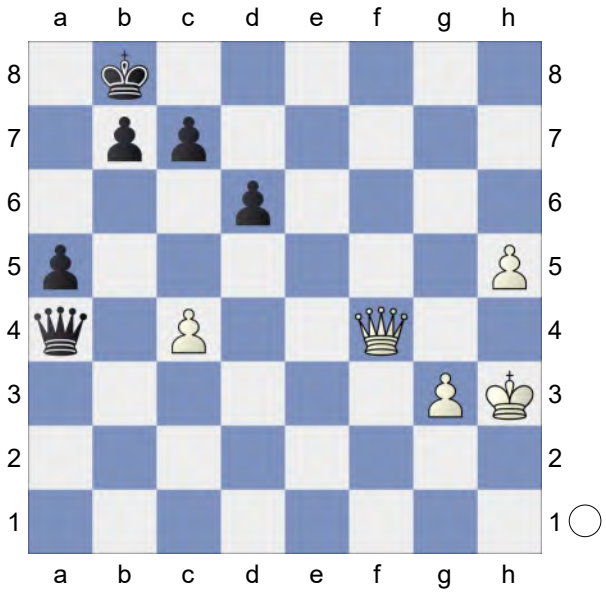
41.h4 a5 1.90/20
[41...c5± 1.54/18 42.g3 Re7]
42.Qd4 Qe2 43.a4 Qc2 Against Qc3
44.Rf3 Qe2 45.Rf4? 0.01/19 **Qc2=**



46.Rf3 -0.01/20
[46.Qd5!± 1.02/21]
46...Qe2! White now steadily converts the win. **47.Qf2+-** 1.71/23 Hoping for Qxe2. **47...Qe5+ 48.Rf4**
[48.g3]
48...Rf8 49.g3 Rxf4 50.Qxf4+- KQ-KQ
[50.gxf4?! Qf5±]
50...Qb2+



51.Kh3 And now Qe3 would win.
51...Qxb3 52.h5 Qxa4 2.59/23
[⌓52...Qb1 1.67/19 53.Kh4 d5]



53.Qf8+! Ka7 54.h6 White has strong compensation. **54...Qd1**

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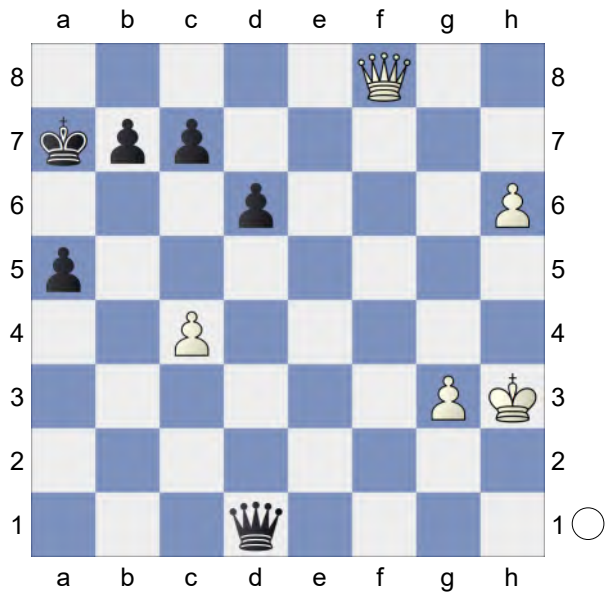
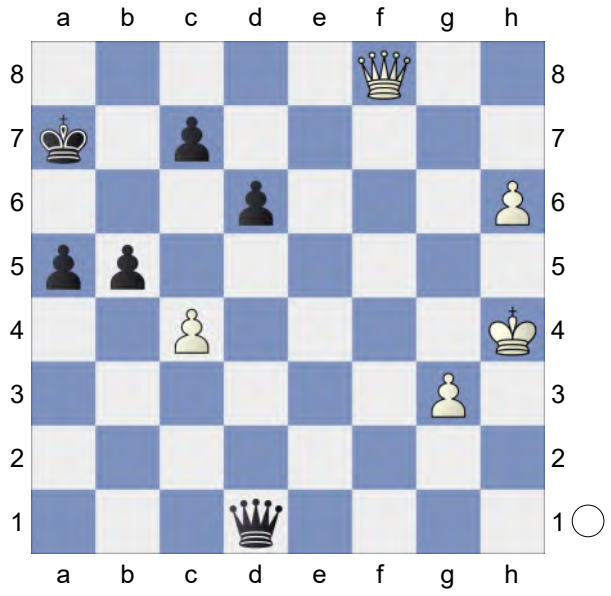


55.Kh4 Inhibits Qh5+. Black must now prevent Qg7. **55...b5** 3.05/20

[⌓55...d5 2.11/20 56.Qc5+ Kb8 57.Qxd5 *(57.Qxa5 Qh1+ 58.Kg5 Qc1+ 59.Kh5 Qh1+ 60.Kg5 Qc1+ 61.Kh5 Qh1+ 62.Kg5=)* 57...Qc2]



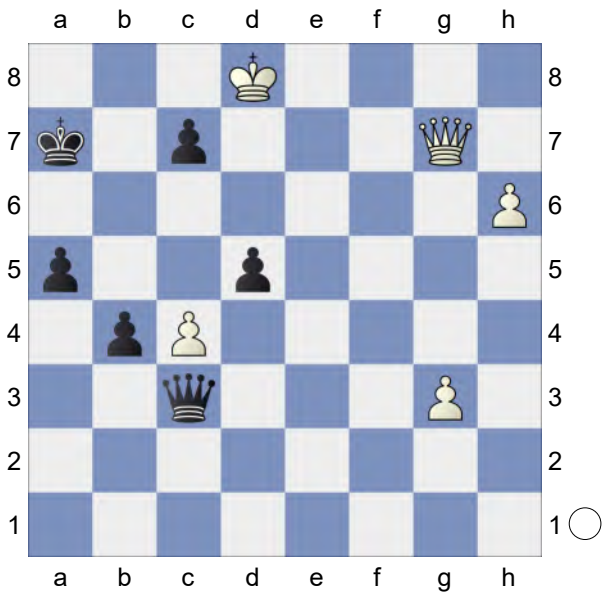
56.Qg7

[56.cxb5 Qh1+ 57.Kg5 a4±]

56...Qh1+ 57.Kg5 Qc1+ 58.Kf6 Qc3+ 59.Ke7 b4 60.Kd8

[Worse is 60.Qxc3 bxc3 61.h7 c2=]

60...d5

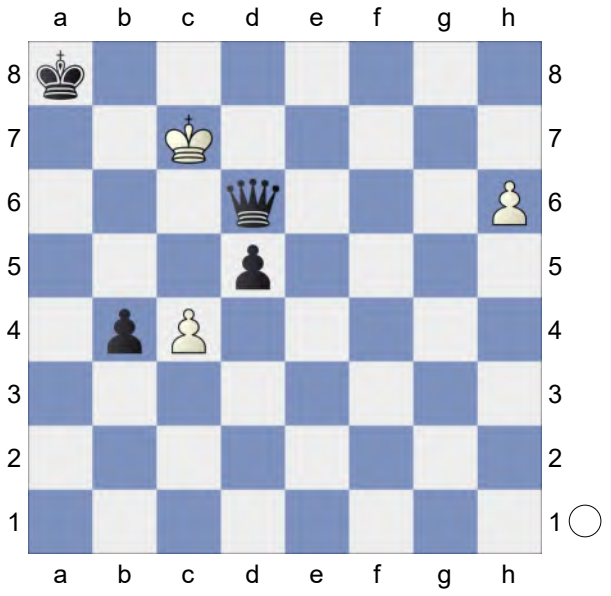


61.Qxc7+ Ka8 62.Qxa5+ Kb8 63.Qb6+

[63.Qxd5 Qh8+ 64.Kd7 Qh7+ 65.Kc6 Qxh6+ 66.Kb5 b3=]

63...Ka8 64.Kc7 White mates.

64...Qxg3+ 65.Qd6 Qxd6+



66.Kxd6 Kb7 67.h7

[Stronger than 67.Kxd5 b3=]

67...dxc4 68.h8Q

[And not 68.h8R b3 69.Rh7+ Kb6=]

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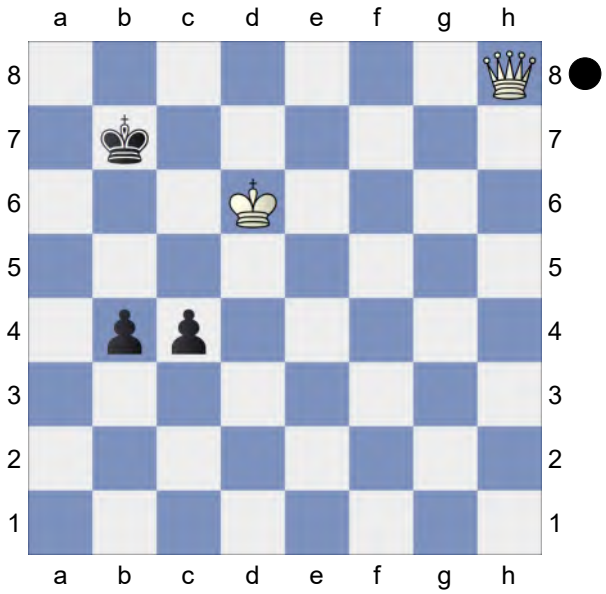

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6 **A40**
□ **Petr_Mikhalchenko** **2673**
■ **derdimcokanacan** **2811**
Blitz 17.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4.Bf4N
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999
19.Qd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero, M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]
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4...Nc6 5.exd6 Qf6

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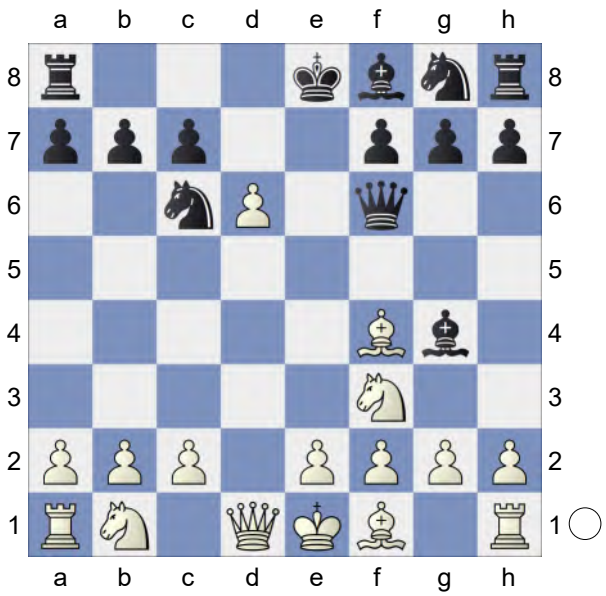
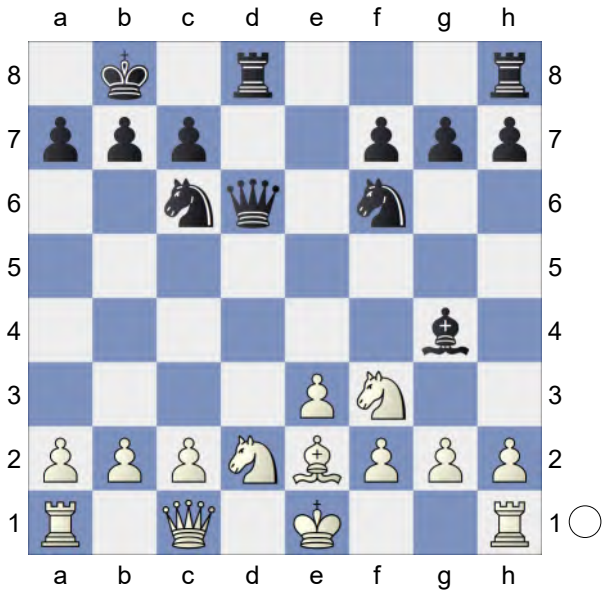
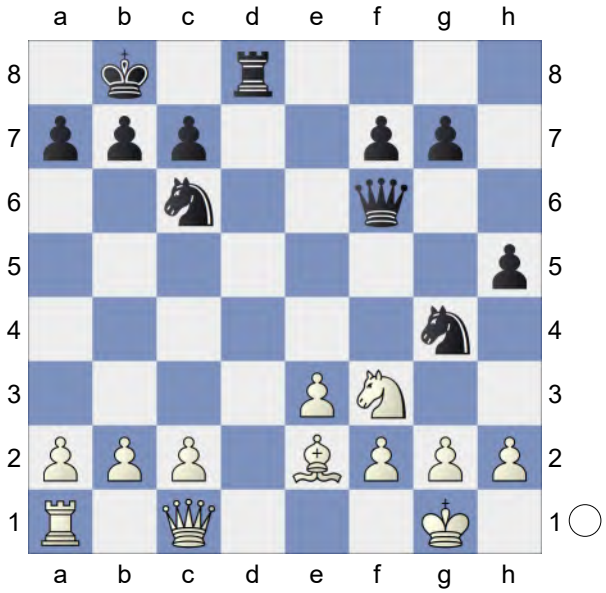


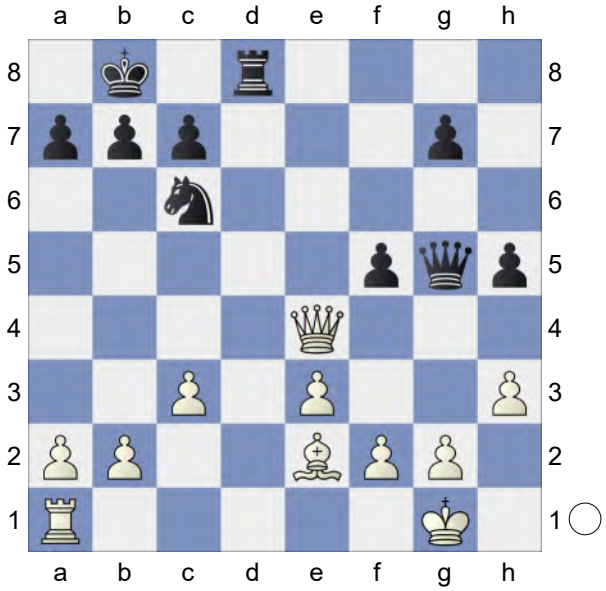
6.Qc1 Bxd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.e3 -0.03/20
[8.Qd2± 1.05/19]
8...0-0-0 0.67/20
[8...Bxf3= -0.03/20 9.gxf3 0-0-0]
9.Be2 0.22/21
[9.Nbd2± 0.67/20 feels stronger.]
9...Nf6 0.78/19
[9...Bxf3!= 0.22/21 10.Bxf3 Ne5]
10.Nbd2± Kb8



11.0-0 h5 12.Re1 Bxf3 1.31/19
[12...g5± 0.40/18]
13.Nxf3 Ng4 1.96/20
[13...Ne4± 1.11/20]
14.Rd1+- Qf6 15.Rxd8+ Rxd8



16.h3 Nge5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.c3 Qf5 2.26/18
[18...a5 1.77/19 is a better defense. 19.Qc2 h4]
19.Qb1 Qg5 20.Qe4 f5



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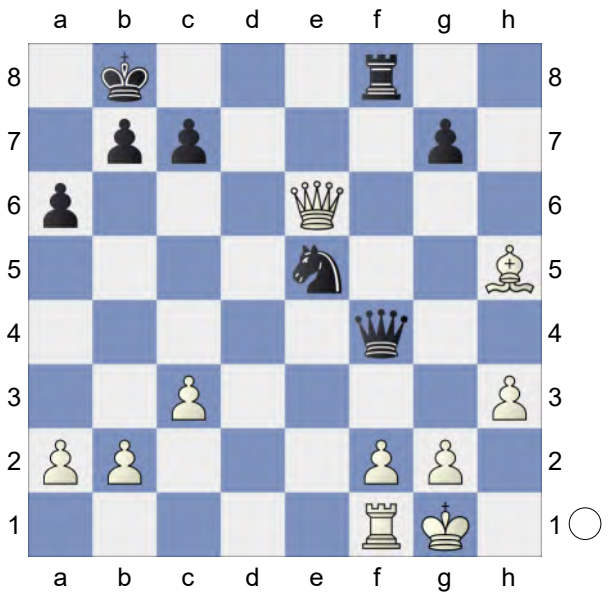
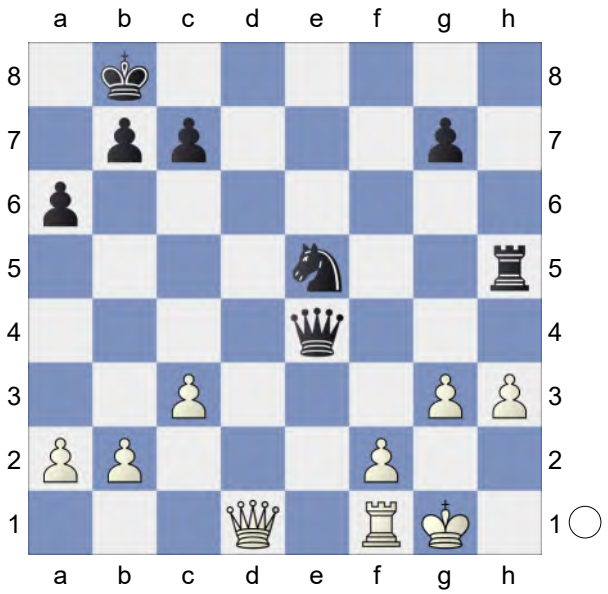


26.g3? 0.00/27
[White should play 26.Qd5+- 3.29/19]
26...Qe4= ...Nf3+ would now be deadly.
27.Qb3 Rh8 28.Qd1 Rxh5!



Remove Defender **29.Qxh5** Endgame KQR-KQN **29...Nf3+** **30.Kh1!** and Qf7 would now be decisive **30...Qe2**

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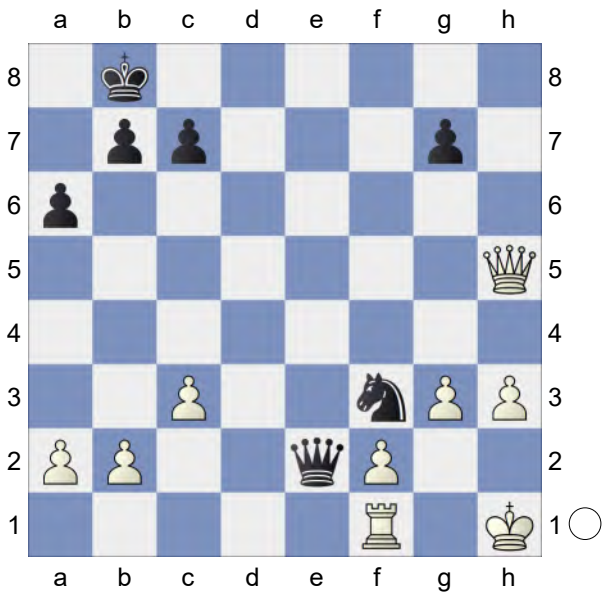
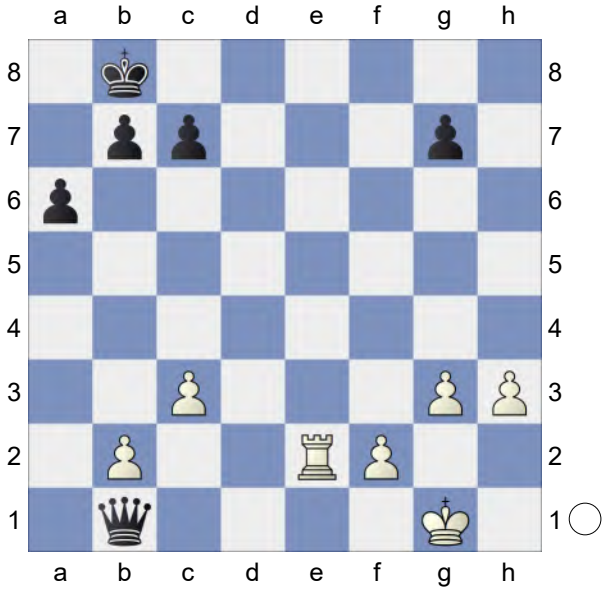


31.Kg2 -4.57/17
[31.Qh8+= 0.00/17 Ka7 32.Kg2]
31...Ne1+-+ Discovered Attack. Black is clearly winning. **32.Rxe1 Qxh5** KQ-KR **33.Re3 Qd5+ 34.Kg1 Qxa2 35.Re2 Qb1+**



36.Kg2 Qd3 37.Kf1 a5 38.h4
Black used his chance.
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38...a4

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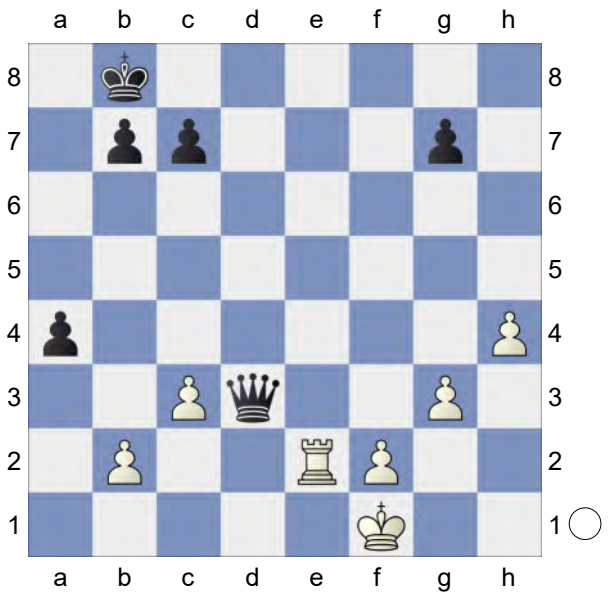

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7 **A40**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3244**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2916**
Blitz 04.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5
[4.exd6 Bxd6 5.e4 Bg4 6.Be2 Qe7 7.Nc3 0-0-0 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.0-0 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Qxe4 11.Bd3 Bxf3 12.Bxe4 Bxd1 13.Raxd1 Ne5 14.Bc3 g6 15.f4 Nc4 16.Bxh8 Rxh8 17.Rfe1 Rd8 18.b3 Nb6 1-0 (32) Bashirli,S (1986)-Nevska,G (1863) Swiss Queens Wed #44 blitz 2024 (11)]
4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6

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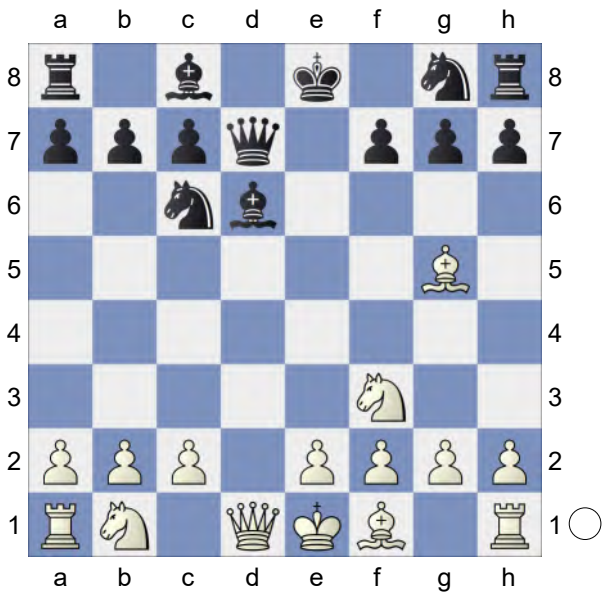
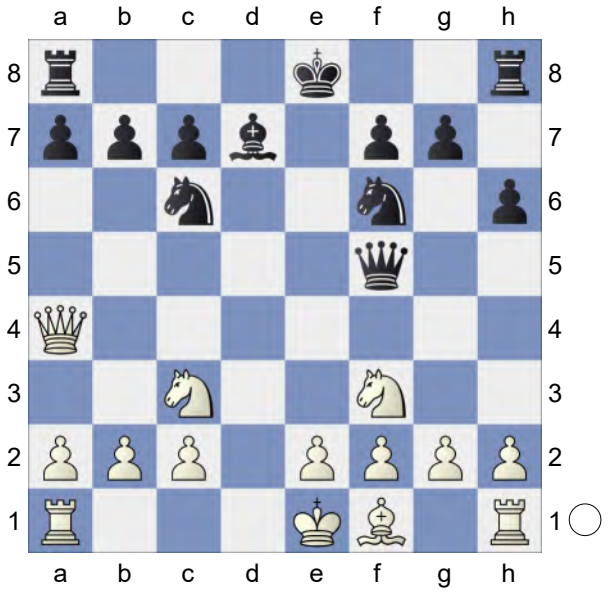


6.Qd2N
[6.Nc3 h6 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.e4 Easily Refuted Gambits-Charlick Gambit 3...d6 4.Bg5 *(8.Nb5)*]
6...h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 White is slightly better. **8...Qf5 9.Qa4**
[9.Qxc7 Qxc2 10.Qf4 Qxb2 11.Qe3+ Be6∓]
9...Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7



11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 White is more active. **14...Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6**

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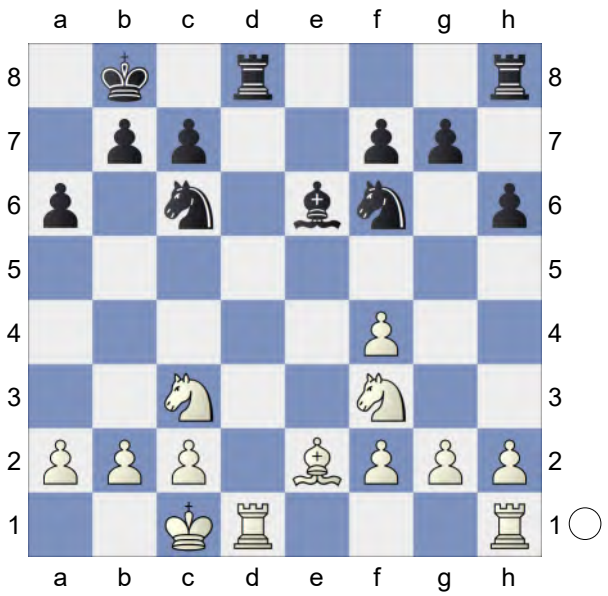
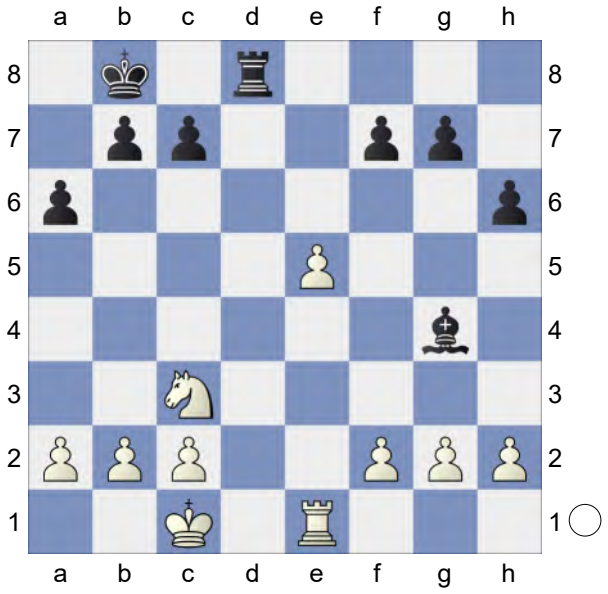


16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ng4 20.Bxg4 Bxg4±



Endgame. KRB-KRN **21.Re3 Bf5 22.h3 Be6 23.Rg3 g6 24.Rd3 Re8 25.Re3 Kc8**

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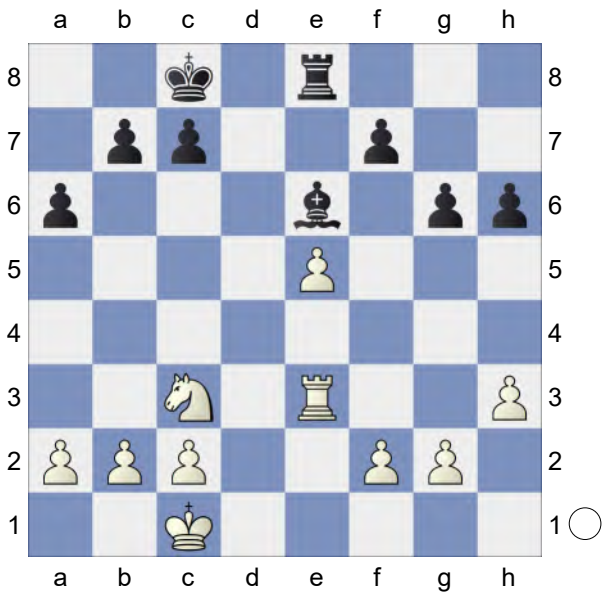


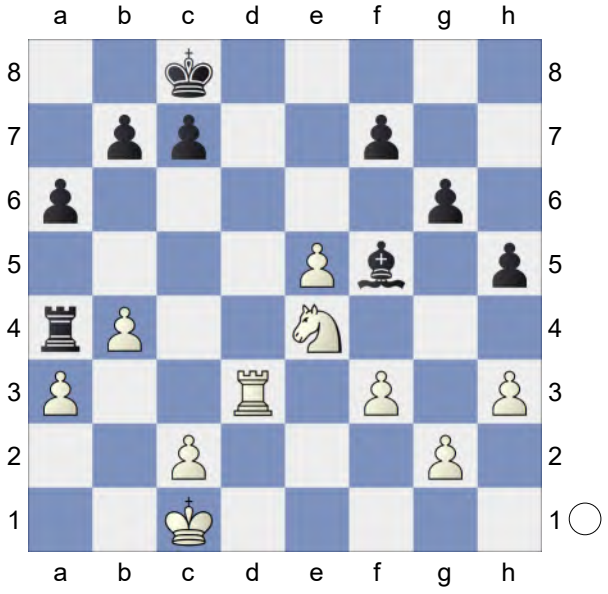
26.Ne4 Rd8 27.a3 Rd4 28.f3 h5 1.66/20

[28...g5± 1.07/19 was worth a try. 29.Rd3 Rc4]

29.Rd3+- Ra4 2.80/21

[29...Rxd3± 1.54/18 30.cxd3 h4]

30.b4 Bf5

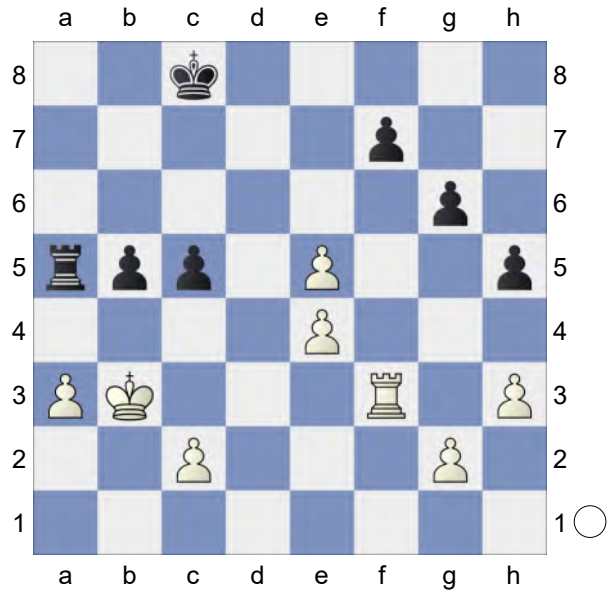


31.Kb2 Bxe4 32.fxe4 aiming for Kb3. KR-KR **32...a5 33.Kb3 b5 34.Rf3 c5** 2.24/23 **35.bxa5**

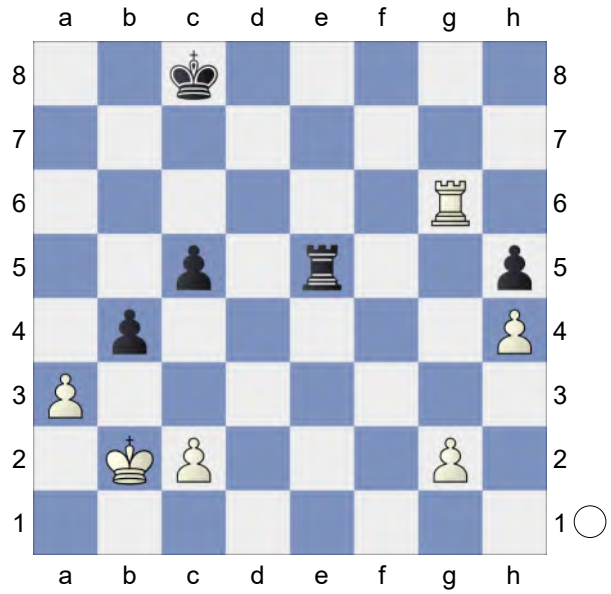
[35.Rxf7 cxb4 36.axb4 Rxb4+ 37.Kc3 Rxe4∓]

[35.bxc5 Rxe4 36.Rxf7 Rxe5=]

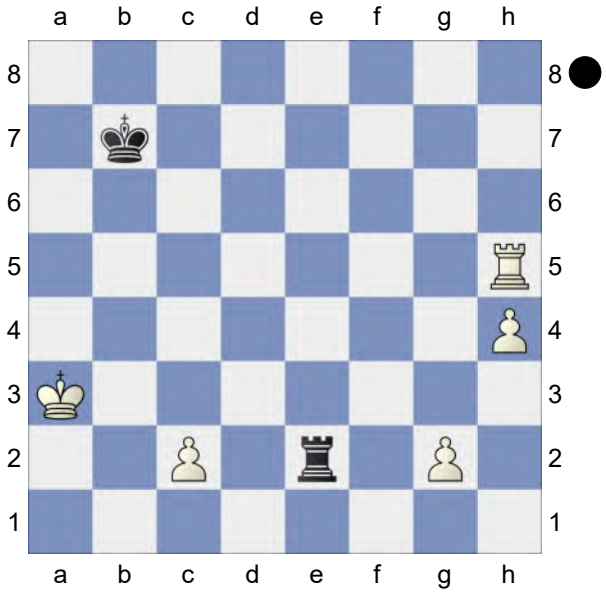
35...Rxa5



36.Rxf7 e6 is the strong threat. **36...Ra4**
37.Rf6 Rxe4 38.Rxg6
[Much less strong is 38.Rc6+?! Kb7 39.Rxc5 Kb6±]
38...Re3+ 39.Kb2 Rxe5 40.h4 b4
3.91/26
[⌓40...Re2 2.76/26 41.Rc6+ Kb7 42.Rxc5 Kb6]



41.Rg5 White is winning. **41...bxa3+**
42.Kxa3 Re2 43.Rxc5+
[Weaker is 43.Rxh5 Rxc2 44.Rg5 Kd7+-]
43...Kb7 44.Rxh5



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4.Bg5

[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

4...Qd7 5.Nbd2N

[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 19.Qd5 Qxd5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 34.Bd1 Nb2 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]

5...Nc6

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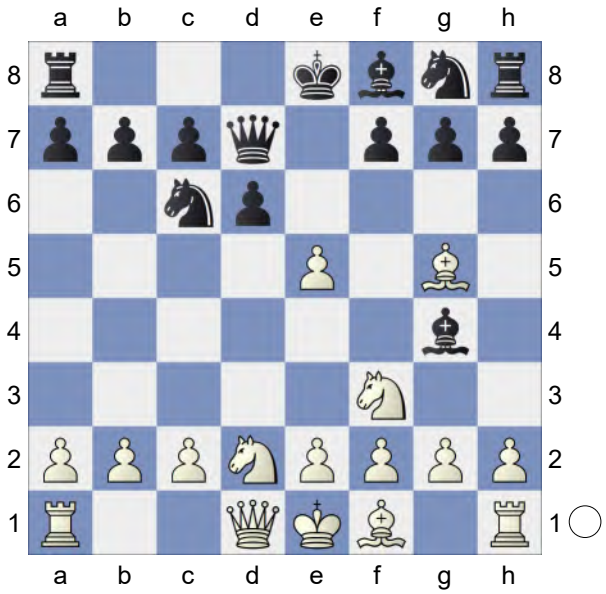
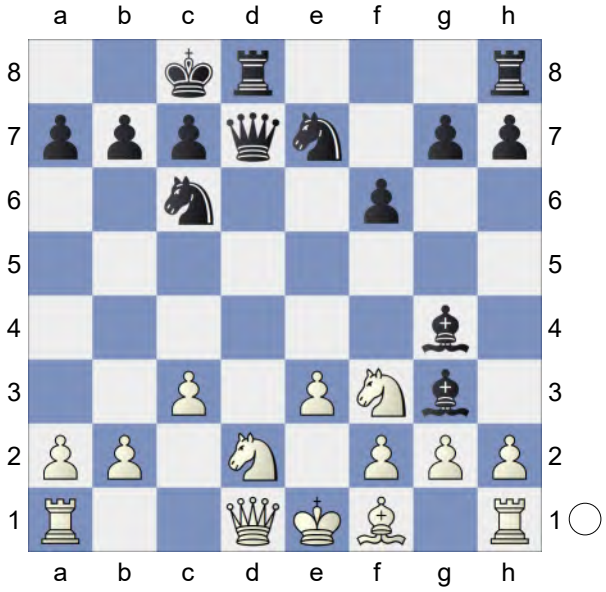


6.exd6 Bxd6 7.e3 0.79/22

[7.Ne4+- 1.77/20 has better winning chances.]

7...f6 8.Bh4 White is better. **8...0-0-0 9.c3 Nge7 10.Bg3 Bxg3**



11.hxg3 Kb8 12.Qc2 Nc8 13.b4

[13.Rxh7? Bf5 14.e4 Bxh7-+]

13...h5 14.Be2 Bf5 15.Qb2 g5

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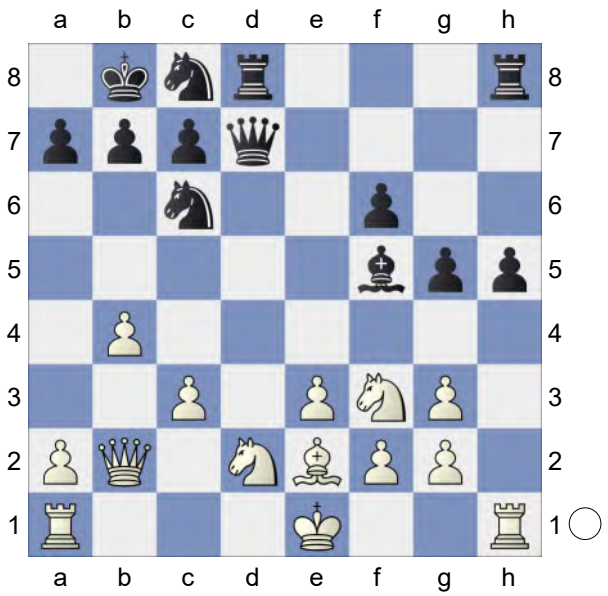


16.Rd1 g4 1.23/21

[Black should try 16...Qe7 0.87/19]

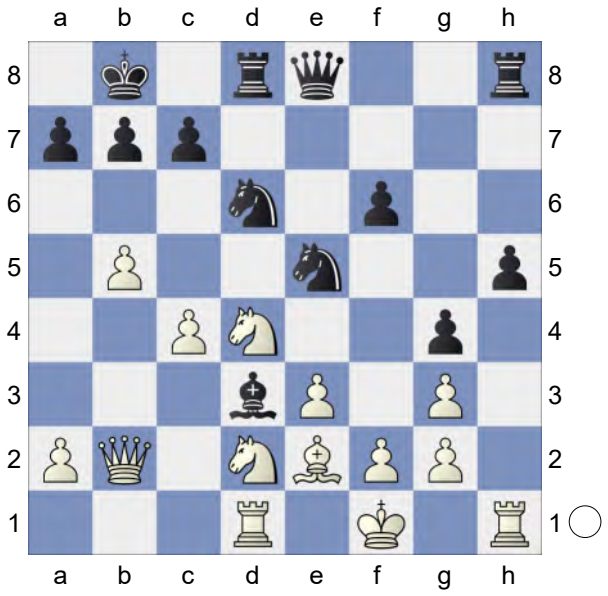
17.b5± Ne5

[17...gxf3? 18.Nxf3 *(18.bxc6 Qxc6 19.Bxf3 Qa6+-)* 18...Nd6 19.bxc6 Qxc6 20.Nd4+-]

18.Nd4 0.87/19

[⌓18.Nxe5 1.57/20 fxe5 19.Nb3 *(19.Nc4 Qf7+-)*]

18...Bd3 19.c4 Qe8 20.Kf1! Nd6



21.Bxd3 Nxd3 22.Qc2 Nc5 23.N2b3 Nde4

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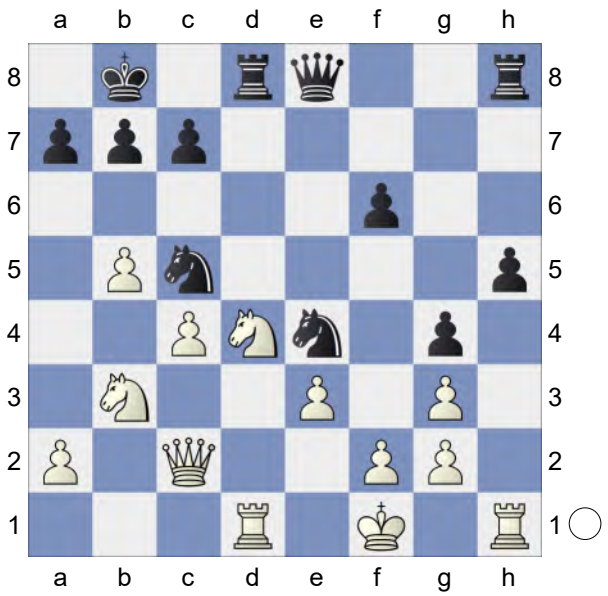
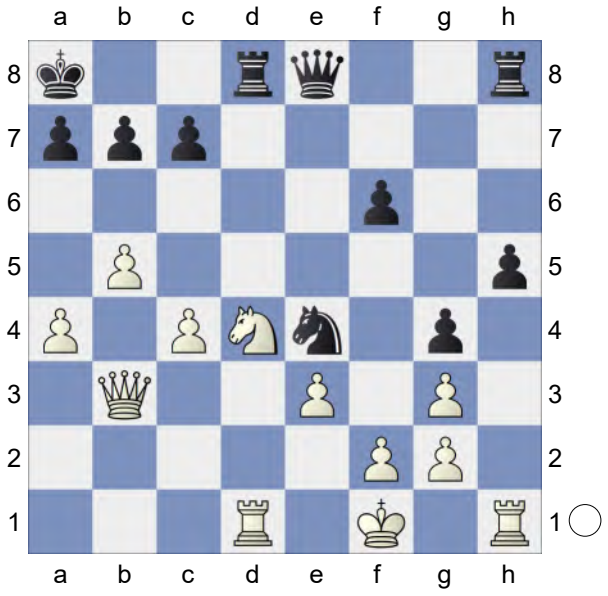
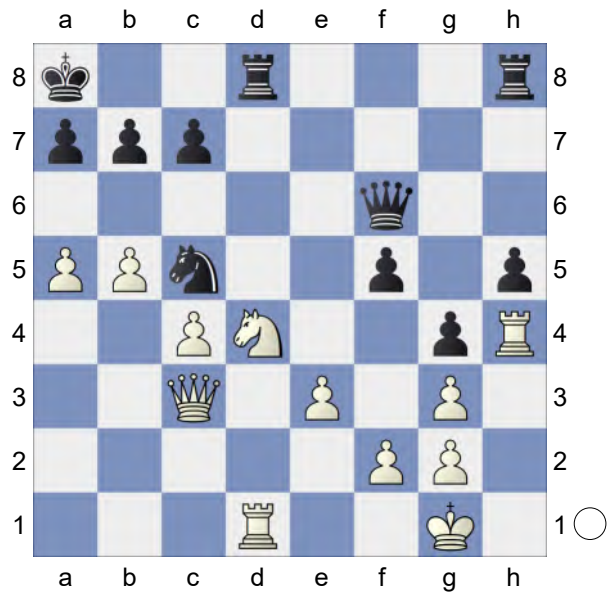


24.a4! Nxb3 25.Qxb3 Ka8



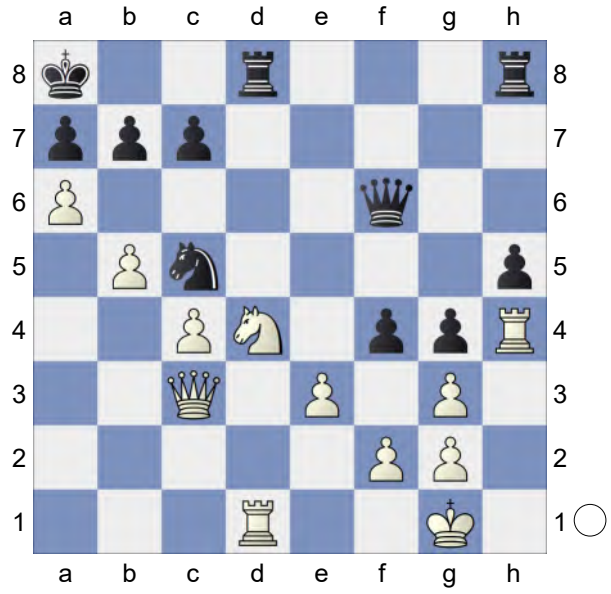
26.Kg1 Qe5 27.Rh4 Nc5 28.Qc3 f5 29.a5 Qf6

(Diagram)



30.a6! f4

[30...bxa6 31.bxa6]



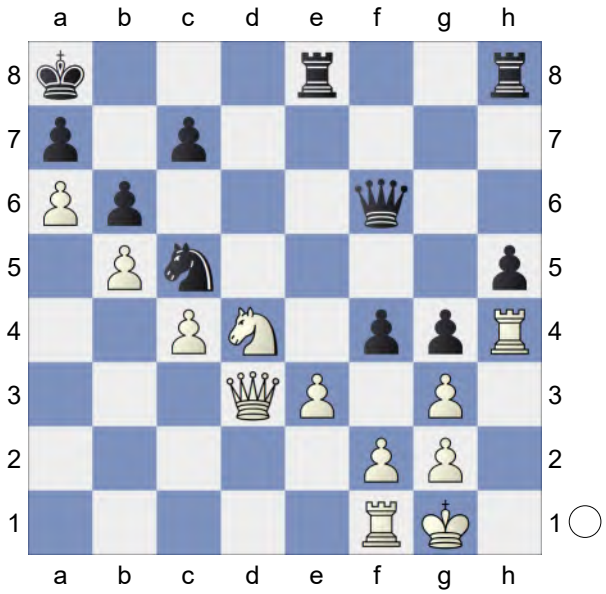
31.Qa3!

[31.exf4 Ne6 32.Qe3 *(32.axb7+? Kxb7 33.Qa3 Nxd4∓)* 32...Nxd4∓ *(32...Rxd4 33.Rxd4 Nxd4 34.Qe4=)*]

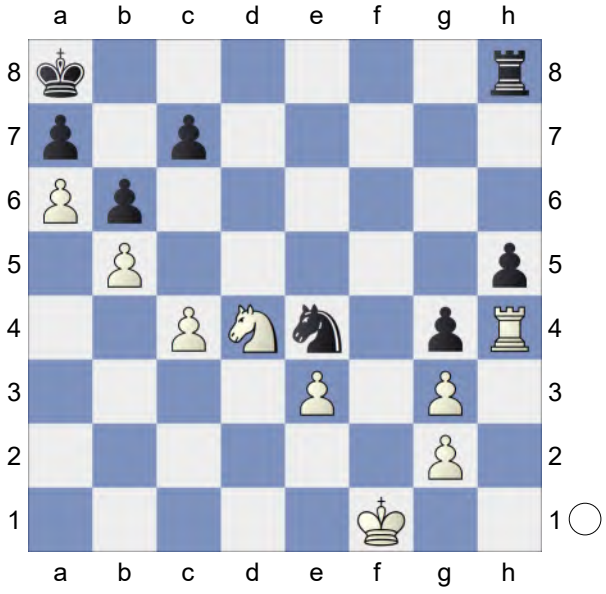
31...b6 32.Rf1 Rdf8 33.Qc1 Ne4 34.Qc2! Re8 35.Qd3!

[35.Nc6? fxg3 36.Rh1 *(36.fxg3? Qg5-+)* 36...gxf2+ *(36...Nxf2? 37.c5-+)* 37.Rxf2 Nxf2 38.Qxf2 Qc3-+]

35...Nc5

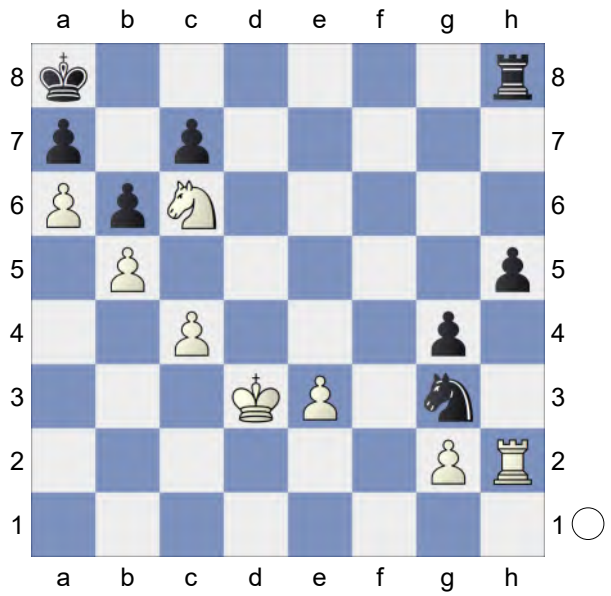


36.Qf5 Qxf5 37.Nxf5 Ref8 38.Nd4 fxe3 39.fxe3 Rxf1+ 40.Kxf1+- Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **40...Ne4**

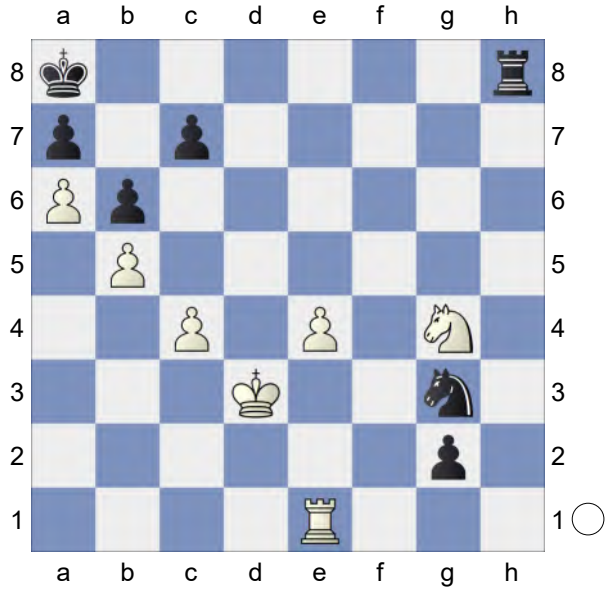


41.Nc6! Nxg3+ 42.Kf2 White is more active. **42...Ne4+ 43.Ke2 Nd6 44.Kd3 Nf5 45.Rh2 Ng3**

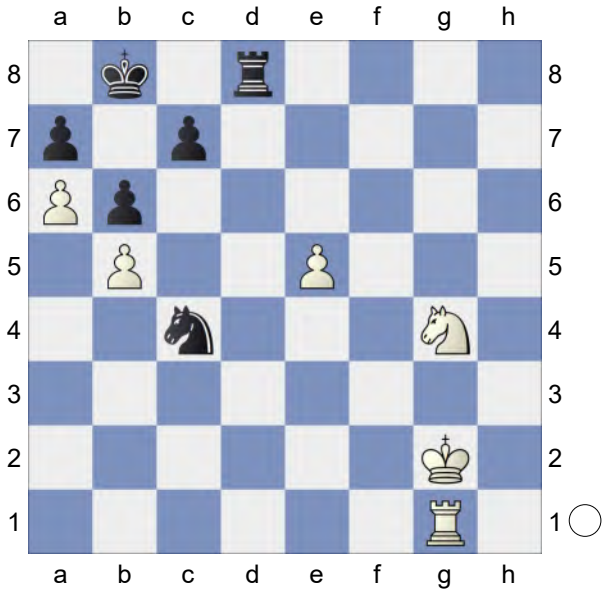
(Diagram)



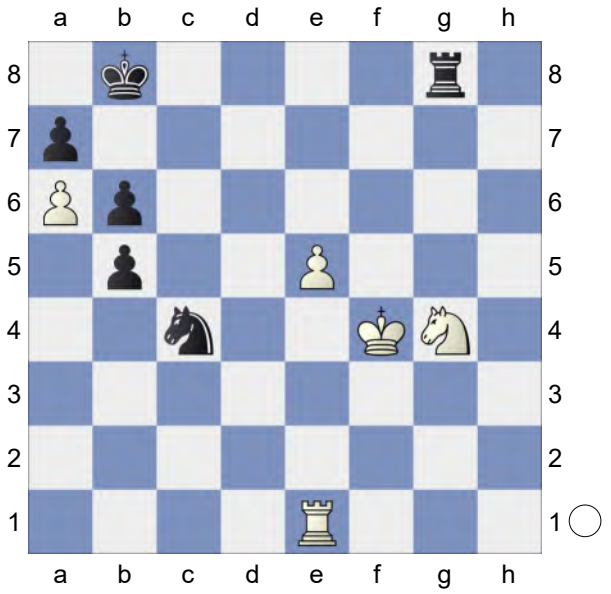
46.e4 0.90/19
[46.Rh4+- 1.93/27]
46...h4± 47.Ne5! Nf1 48.Rh1 Ng3 49.Re1 h3 Hoping for ...h2. **50.Nxg4 hxg2**



51.Rg1 Rd8+ 52.Ke3 Nf1+ 53.Kf2 Nd2
[53...Rd2+? 54.Kf3+-]
54.e5
[54.Rxg2 Nxc4 55.e5 Rd2+ 56.Kf3 Rxg2 57.Kxg2 Kb8=]
[54.Kxg2 Nxe4 55.Re1 Re8±]
54...Kb8 55.Kxg2
[55.Rxg2 Nxc4 56.e6 c6]
55...Nxc4



56.Re1! Rg8 57.Kg3 c6 58.Kf4
[58.bxc6 Na5±]
58...cxb5 2.56/21
[58...Re8± 1.42/21 59.Nf6 *(59.bxc6 Re6+-)* 59...Re7 60.bxc6 Na5]



59.Nf6!+- Rf8

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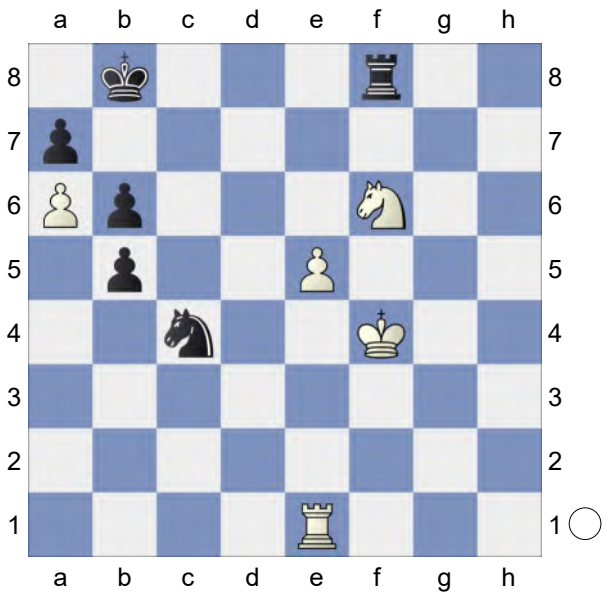
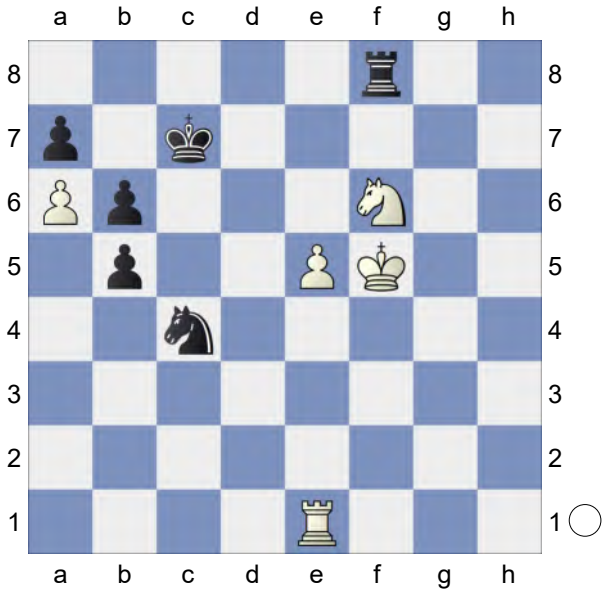


60.Kf5! Kc7



61.e6 Nd6+ 62.Kg6 Nc8 63.Rc1+
[63.e7 Nxe7+ 64.Rxe7+ Kd6 65.Rxa7 b4±]
63...Kd6 64.Kg7 Dodges Ne7 **64...Rd8 65.Kf7 Ke5**

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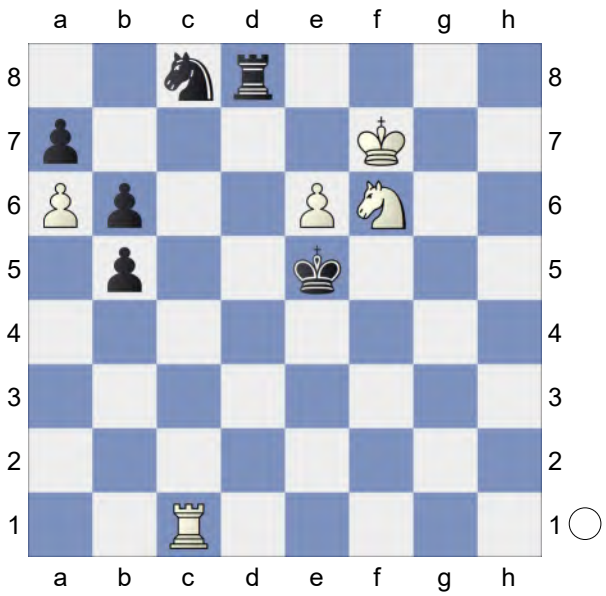
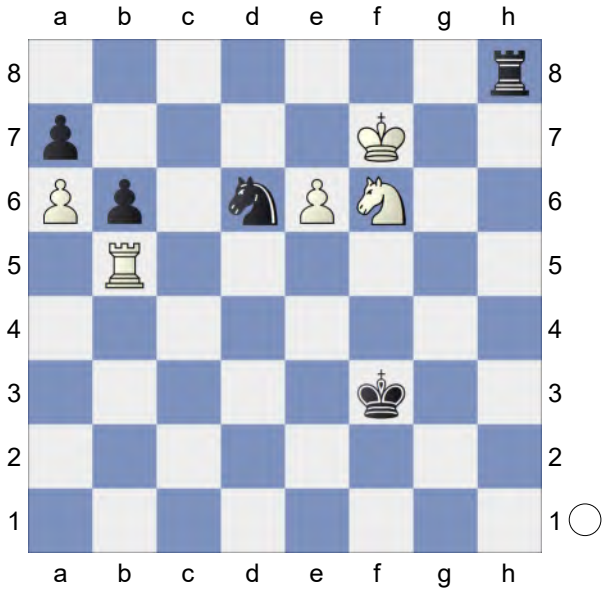
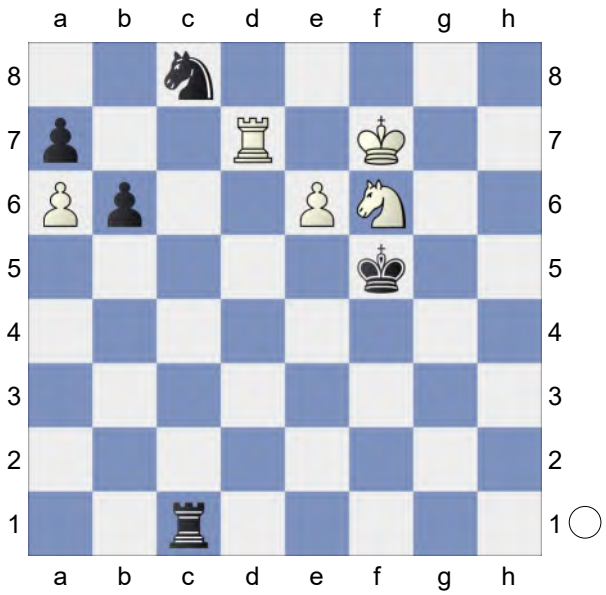


66.Nd7+ Kf5 3.55/18
[⌓66...Kd6 2.52/19 67.Nf6 *(67.Rd1+ Kc7+-)* 67...Ke5]
67.Rd1 Rh8 68.Rd5+ Ke4 69.Nf6+
[69.Rxb5 Nd6+ 70.Kg7 Nxb5=]
69...Kf3 70.Rxb5
[70.e7 Nxe7 71.Kxe7 Rh1 72.Rxb5 Ra1]
70...Nd6+

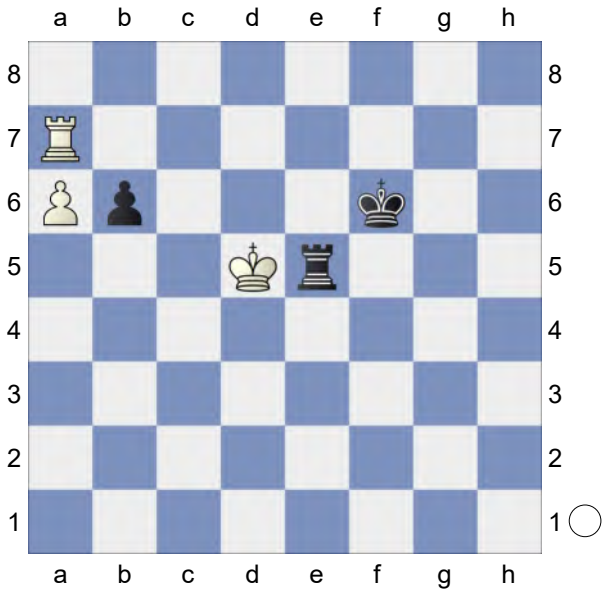


71.Kg7 Rh1? 3.92/20
[71...Nxb5 2.35/20 72.Kxh8 Nd6]
72.Rd5 Nc8 73.Kf7 Rc1 74.Rd3+ Kf4 75.Rd7 Kf5 5.88/21

[75...Re1 4.05/23 keeps fighting. 76.e7 Rxe7+ 77.Rxe7 Nxe7 78.Kxe7 Ke3 79.Nd5+ Kd4 80.Nxb6 Kc5 81.Nd7+ Kd5]



76.e7 Nxe7 77.Kxe7 KRN-KR **77...Re1+ 78.Kd6 Re6+ 79.Kd5 Kxf6 80.Rxa7** KR-KR **80...Re5+**



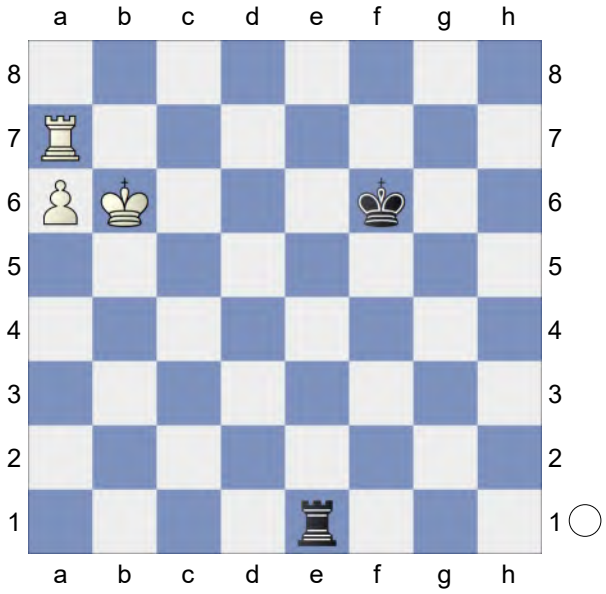
81.Kc6 Re6+ 82.Kb5 Re5+ 83.Kc6

[Weaker is 83.Kxb6 Re6+ 84.Kb5 Re5+ 85.Kc4 Re4+ 86.Kd5 Re5+ 87.Kd4 Ra5±]

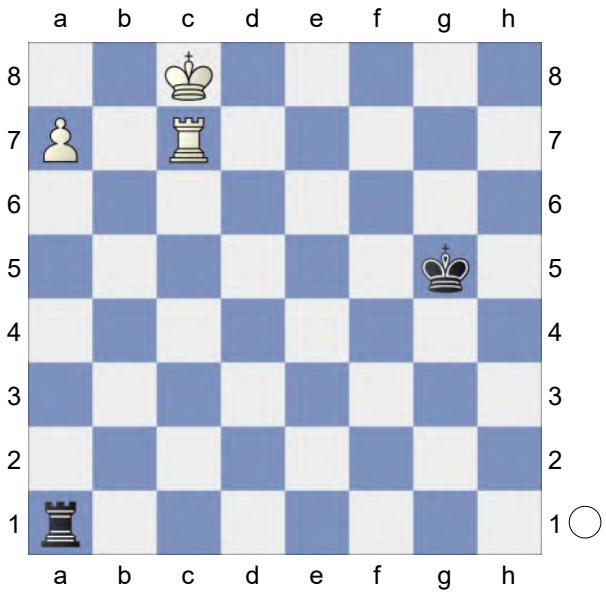
83...Re6+ 84.Kb5 Re5+ 85.Kxb6

and Rc7 should not be overlooked

85...Re1

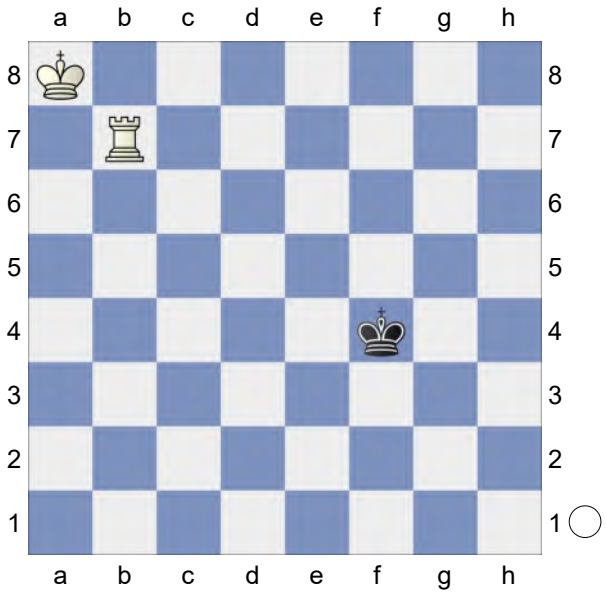


86.Rc7 Rb1+ 87.Kc6 Rc1+ 88.Kb7 Rb1+ 89.Kc8 Kg5 90.a7 Ra1



91.Kb8 Rb1+ 92.Rb7 White mates. **92...Rd1 93.a8Q Rd8+ 94.Ka7 Rxa8+ 95.Kxa8 Kf4**

(Diagram)



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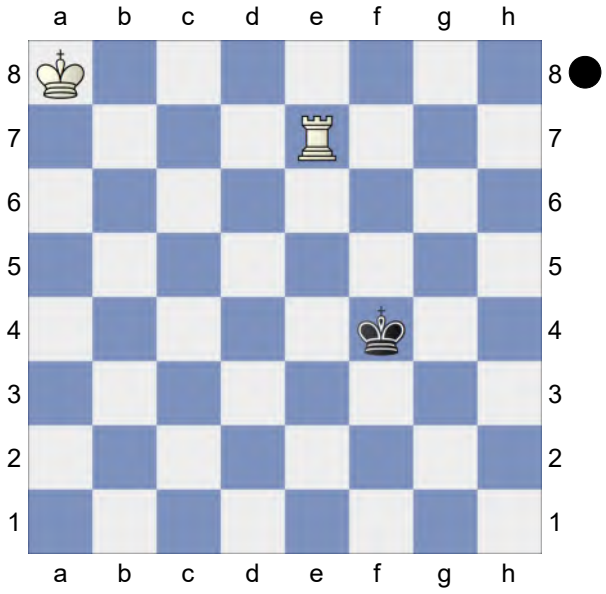
96.Re7



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9 **A40**

□ **YoBot_v2** **3033**

■ **Hoon_Bot** **2922**

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[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

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From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215

E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**

[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4.Bg5

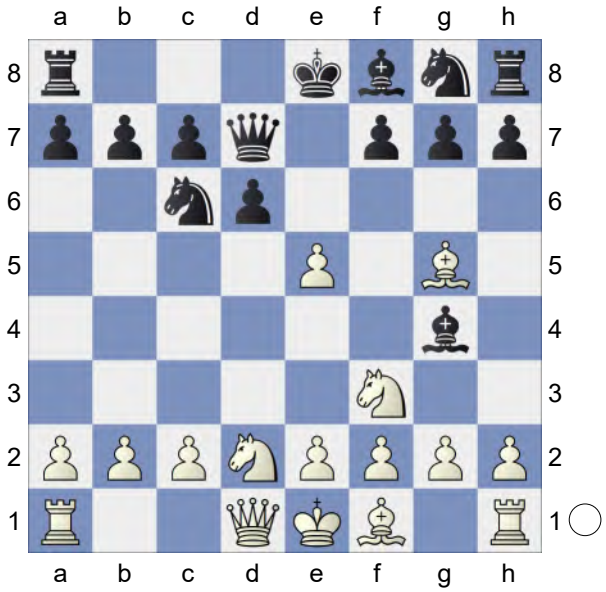
[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch, A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

4...Qd7 5.Nbd2N

[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 19.Qd5 Qxd5

1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit, G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 34.Bd1 Nb2 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]

5...Nc6



6.exd6 Bxd6 7.e3 0.79/22

[7.Nc4+- 1.81/19 and White stays clearly on top.]

7...f6 8.Bh4 White is better. **8...0-0-0 9.c3 Nge7 10.Qa4 Nd5**

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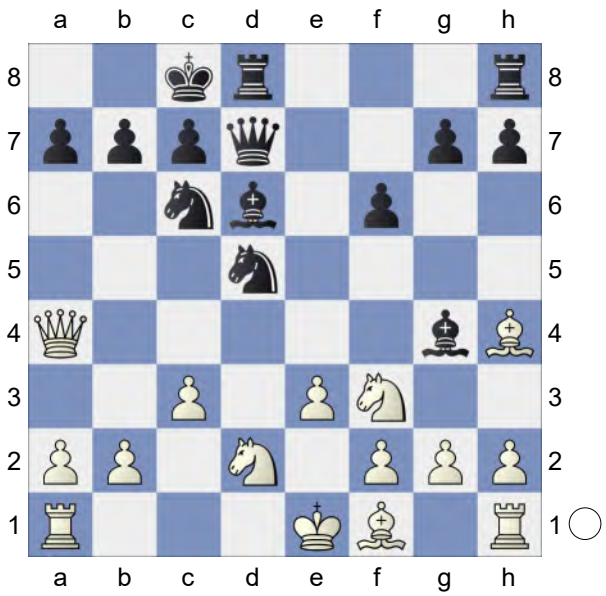
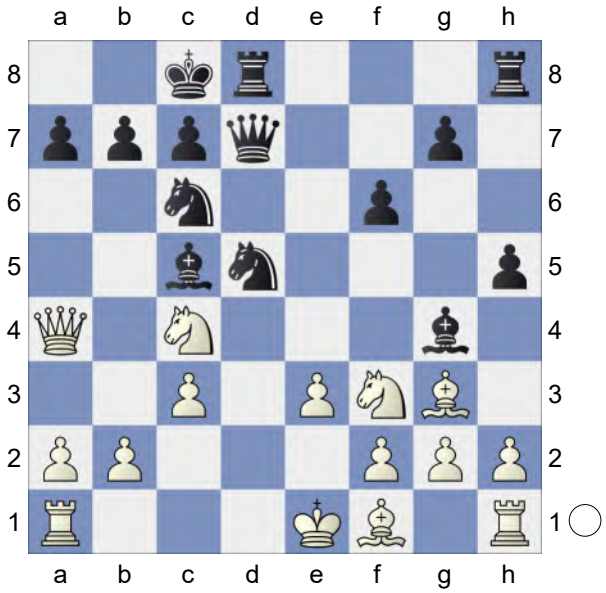


11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Bg3 h5



...Bxf3 would now be deadly. **13.h4! Qe7 14.0-0-0 Bf5 15.Rd2 Kb8**

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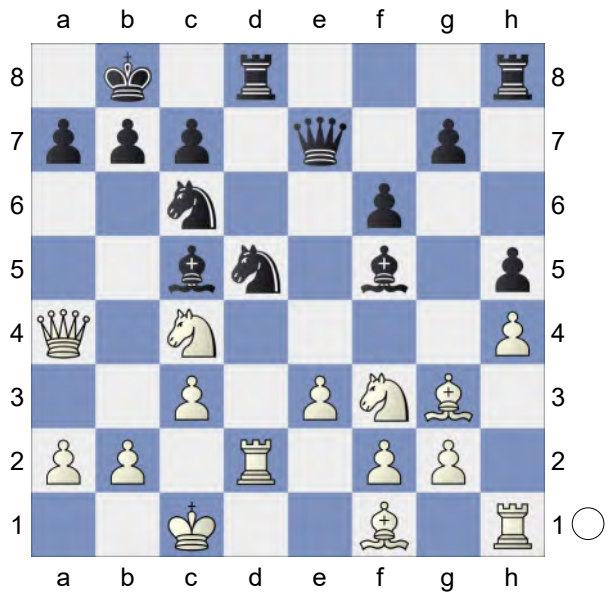
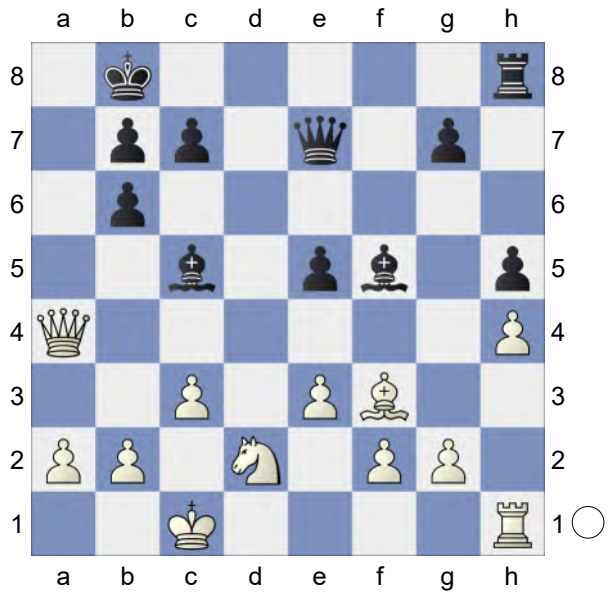


16.Be2 Nb6 17.Nxb6 Rxd2 18.Nxd2 axb6 19.Bf3 Ne5 20.Bxe5 fxe5



21.Ne4 c6 22.Qc4 Rf8 23.a4
[23.Bxh5 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Rxf2∓]
[23.b4 Bd6 24.Nxd6 Qxd6 25.Rd1]
23...Be6 24.Qd3 Rd8! 25.Qc2 Bf5

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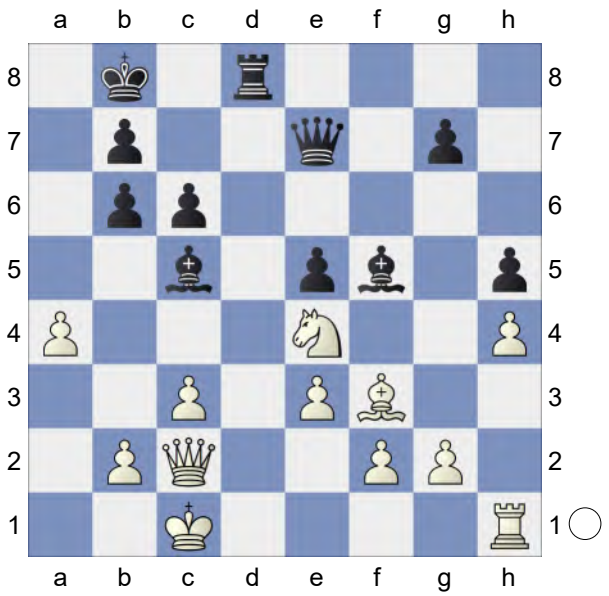

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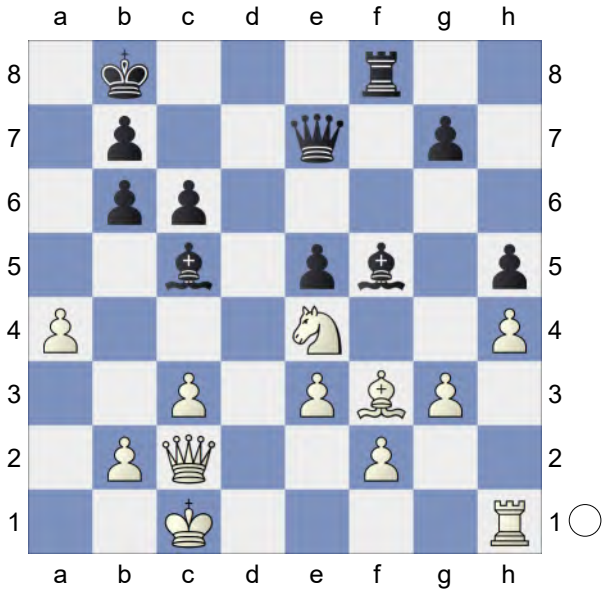

27.b4!
[27.Bxh5 Bxe4 28.Qxe4 Rxf2=]
27...Bd6 28.Qb2 0.44/24
[28.Bxh5 Bxe4 29.Qxe4 Rxf2=]
[28.Rd1!± 1.09/18]
28...Bxe4± 29.Bxe4 Qf7 Inhibits Qa2.
30.Rd1 Be7

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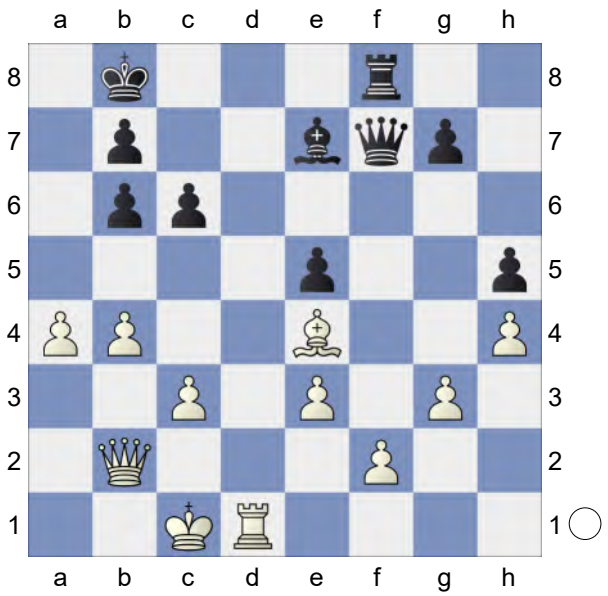
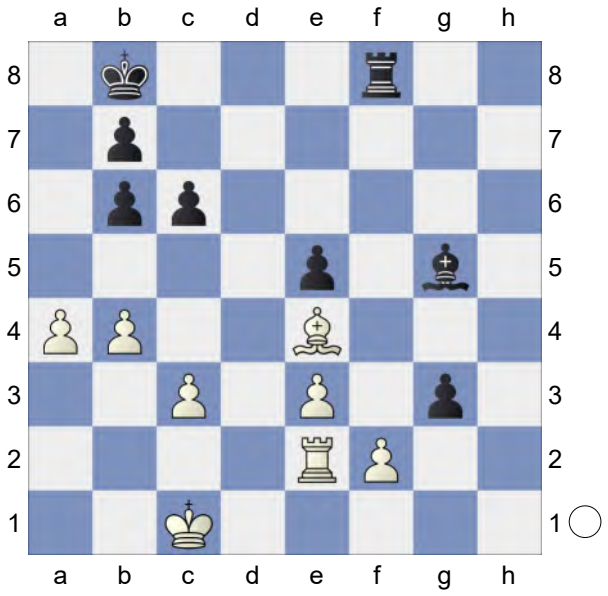


31.Rd2 g5! 32.hxg5
[32.Rd7 Qe6 33.Qd2 gxh4 34.gxh4 Kc8=]
32...Bxg5 33.Qa2
[33.b5 with more complications. Qc4 34.Bg2 cxb5 35.Qxb5 Qxc3+ 36.Kd1]
33...Qxa2 34.Rxa2 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **34...h4 35.Re2 hxg3**



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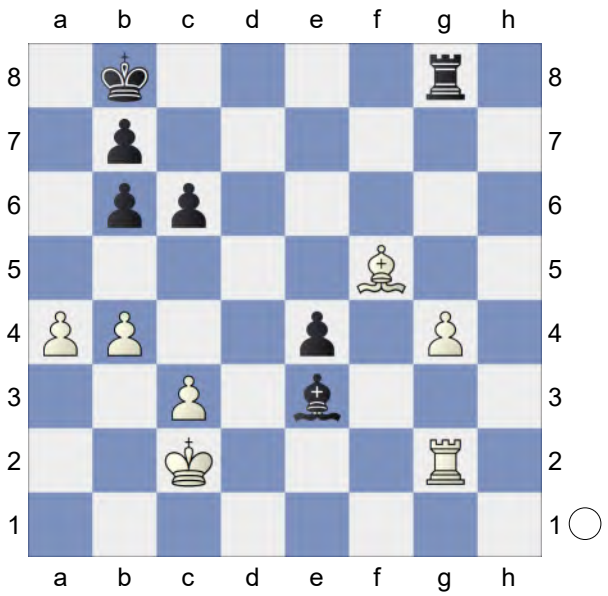
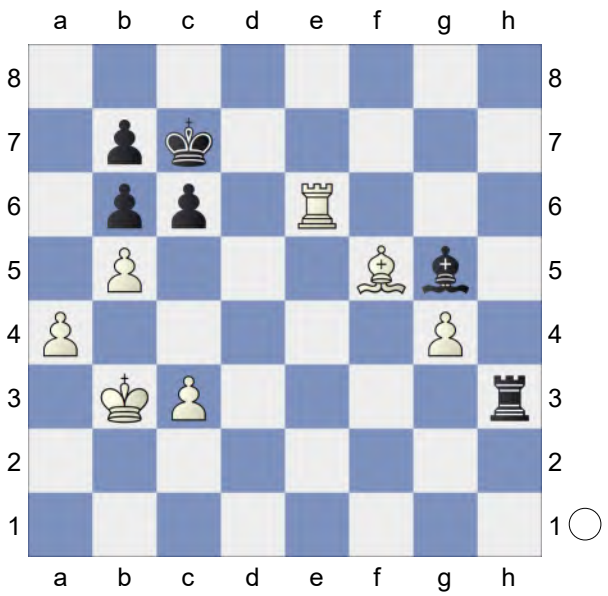


41.Re2 Bg5 42.Rxe4
[Don't play 42.Bxe4 Re8±]
42...Rh8! 43.b5 Kc7! 44.Re6 Rh2+ 45.Kb3 Rh3!



46.Rg6 Bd2 47.Rg7+ Kb8 48.Rg8+ Ka7 49.Kc2 Bxc3 50.g5 Rg3

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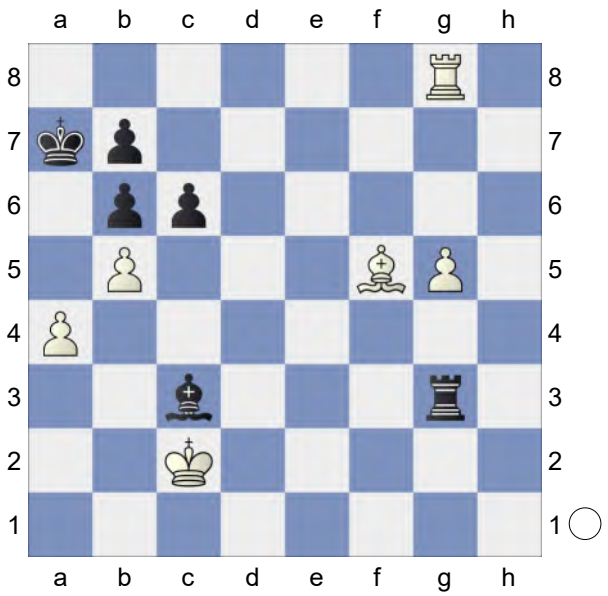
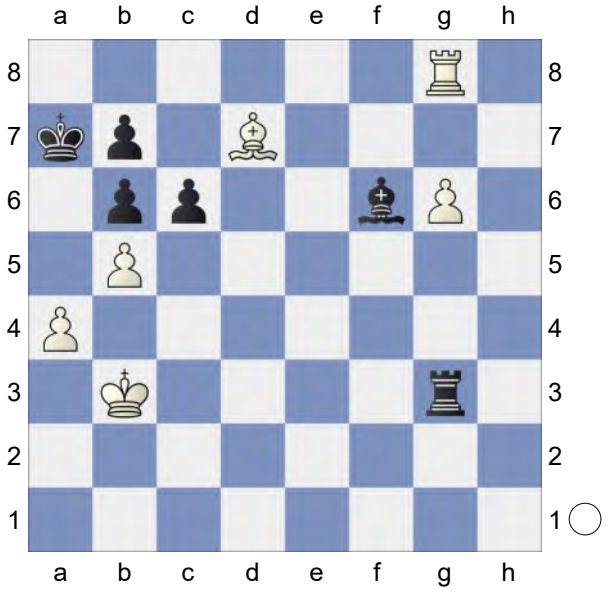


51.Bd7 0.13/28
[51.g6± 0.50/20]
51...Bf6= 52.g6 Rg5 53.Kb3 Rg3+ 54.Kc2 Rg5 Wards off Bf5 **55.Kb3 Rg3+**



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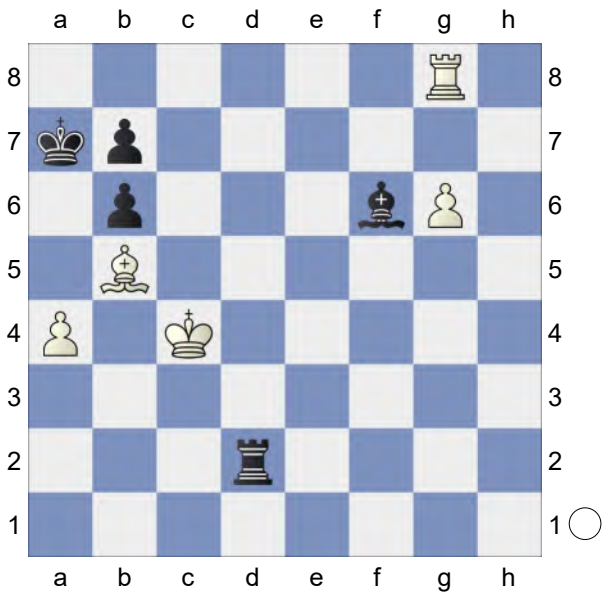

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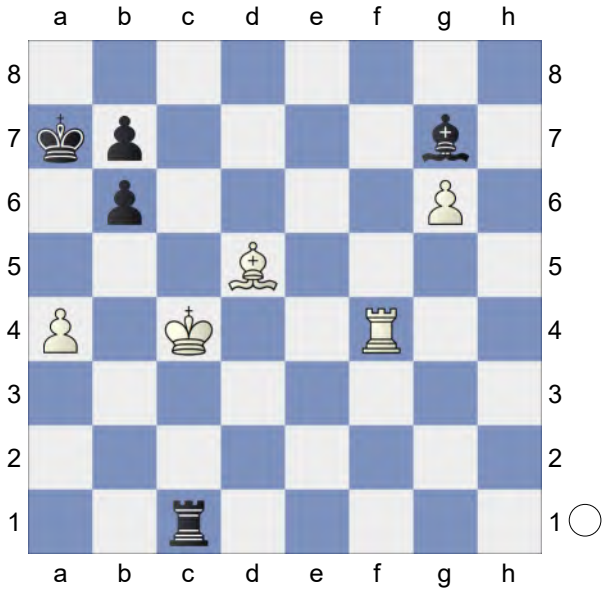
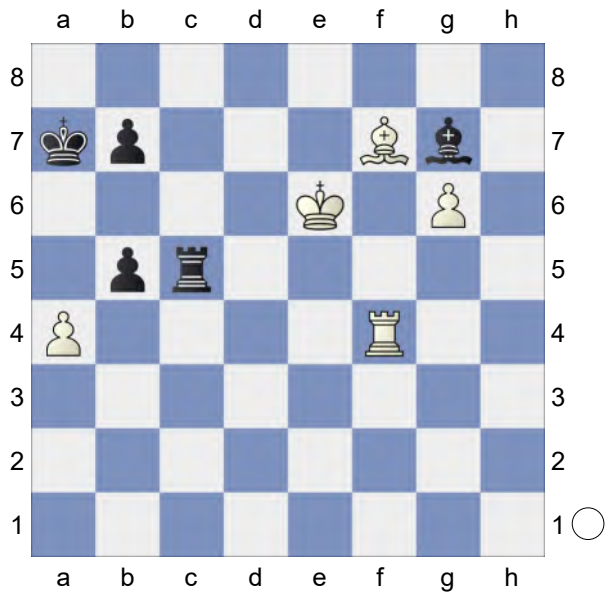
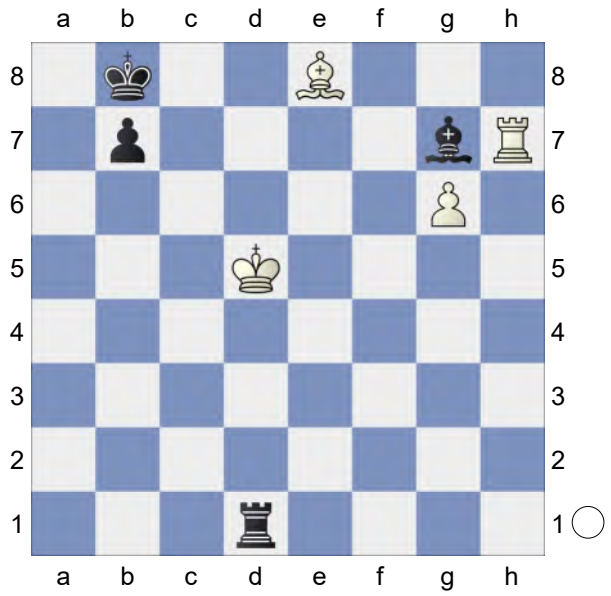


66.Kb4 Rg1 67.Bf7 Rb1+ 68.Kc4 Rc1+ 69.Kd5 Rc5+ 70.Ke6 b5

(Diagram)



71.Be8 bxa4 72.Rxa4+ Kb8 73.Rh4 Rc1 74.Rh7 Re1+ 75.Kd5 Rd1+



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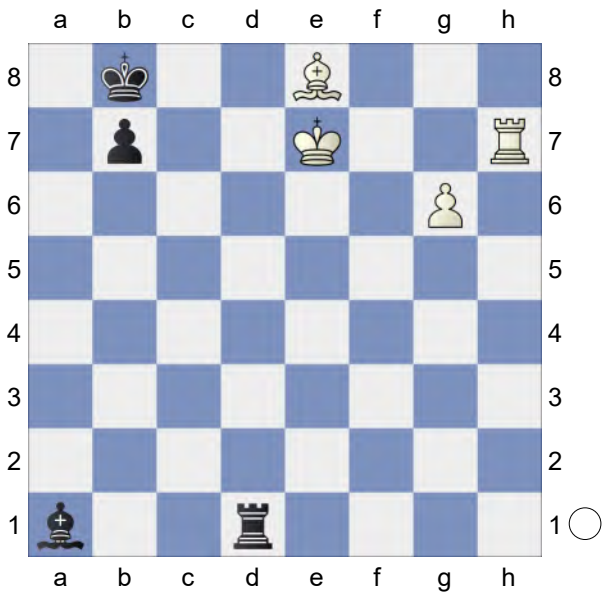

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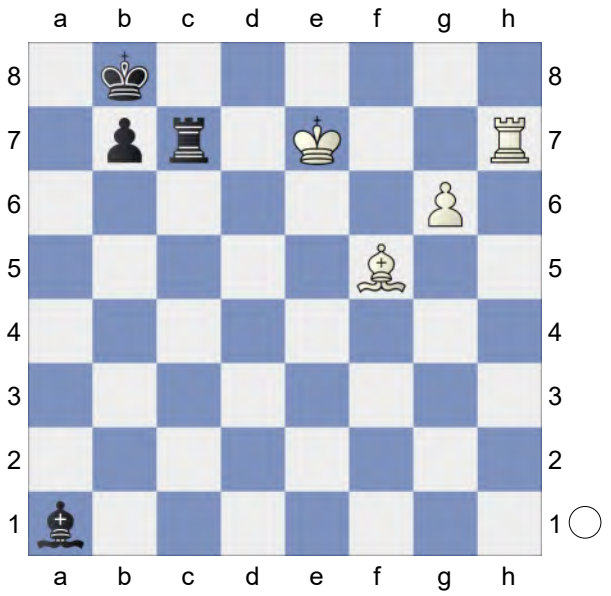

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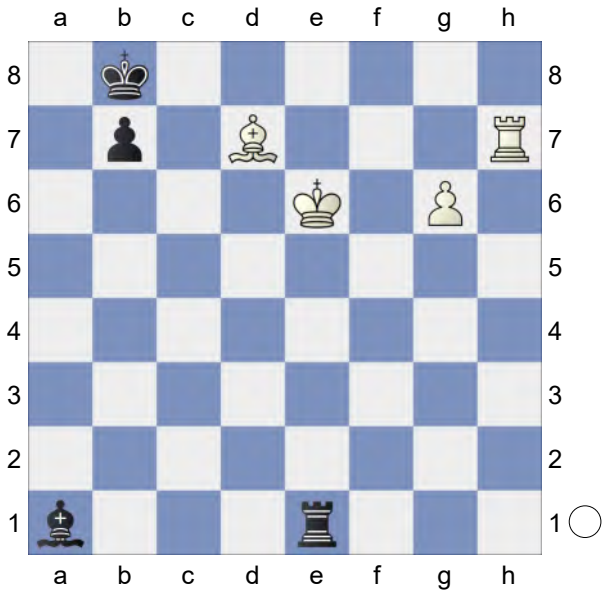

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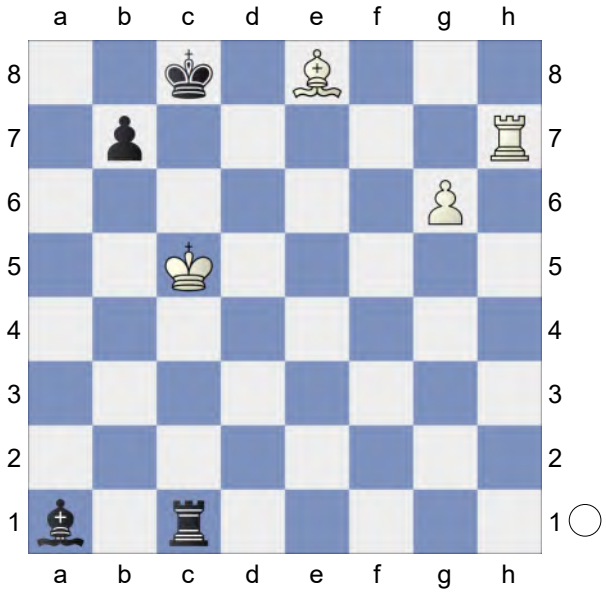
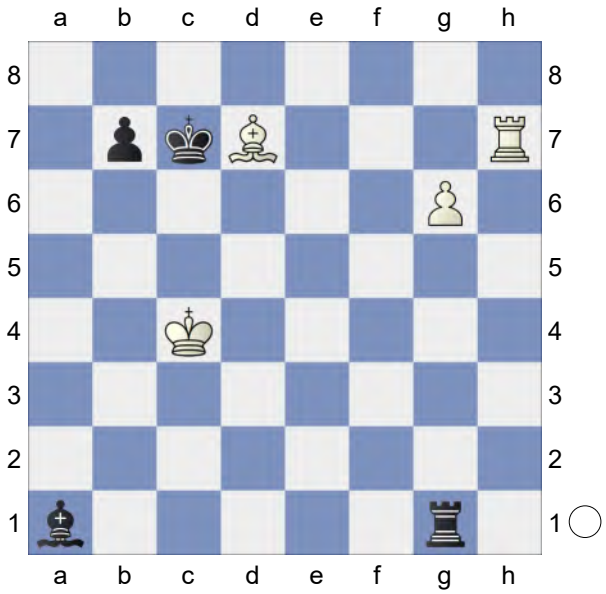
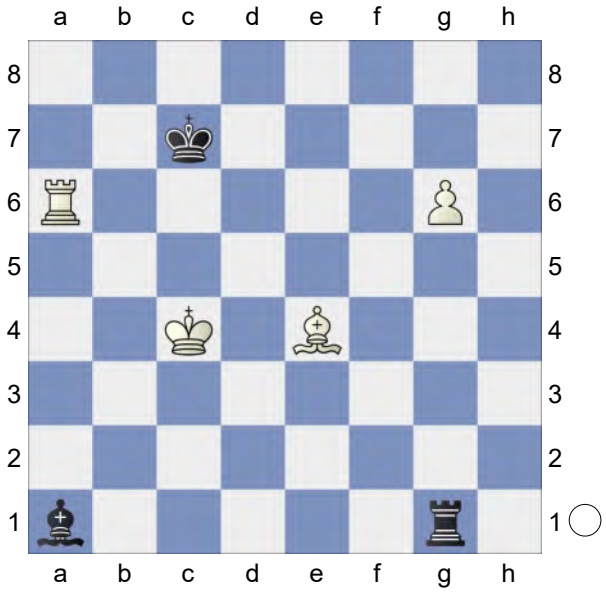


96.Kd5 Rd1+ 97.Kc5 Rc1+ 98.Kd5 Rd1+ 99.Kc4 Rg1 100.Bd7+ Kc7

(Diagram)



101.Bf5+ Kc6 102.Be4+ Kd6 103.Rxb7 Be5 104.Rb6+ Kc7 105.Ra6 Ba1



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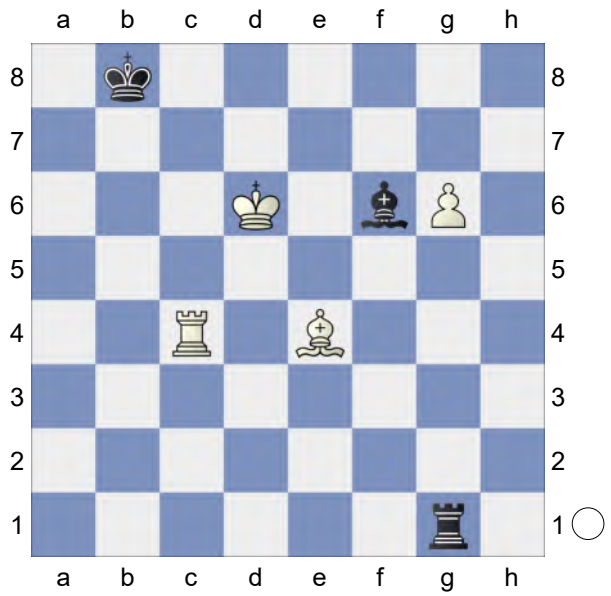
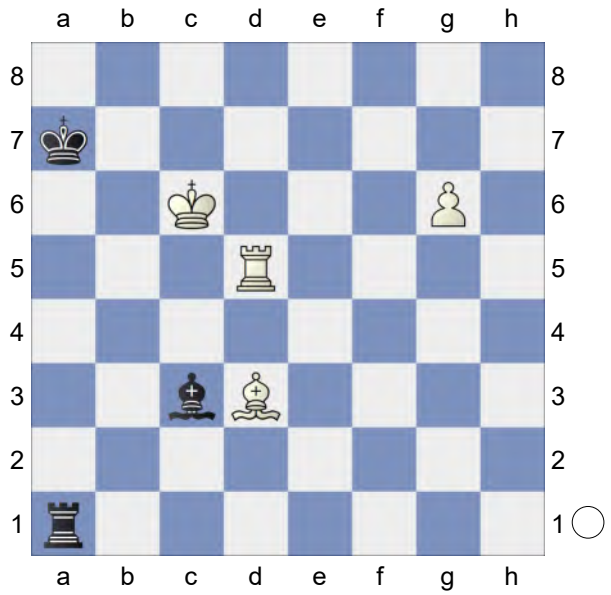


111.Kc6 Be5 112.Rc5 Bd4 113.Rb5+ Ka7! 114.Rd5 Bc3 115.Bd3 Ra1



116.Rd7+ Kb8 117.Rd6 Re1! 118.Rd8+ Ka7 119.Rd7+ Ka8! 120.Rd8+ Ka7

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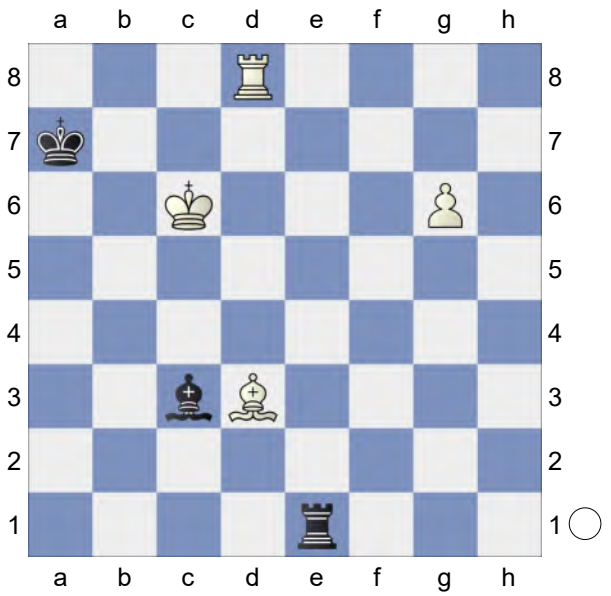
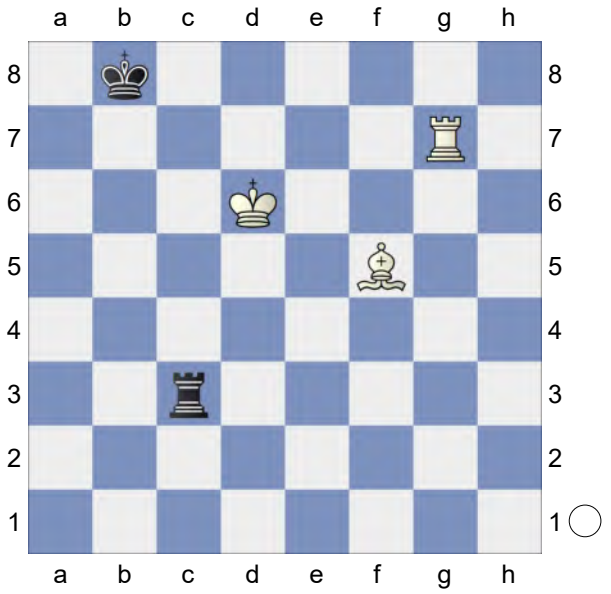


121.Rd7+ Ka8! 122.Bf5 Re3! 123.g7 0.00/27 White is more active.

[123.Kb6± 0.64/18 Bf6 124.Ra7+ Kb8 125.Rf7 Bd4+ 126.Kc6]

123...Bxg7! The position is equal.

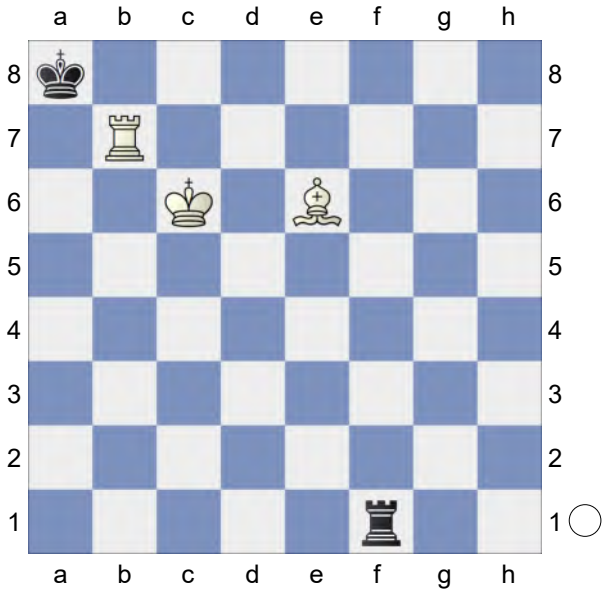
124.Rxg7 KRB-KR **124...Rc3+ 125.Kd6 Kb8!**



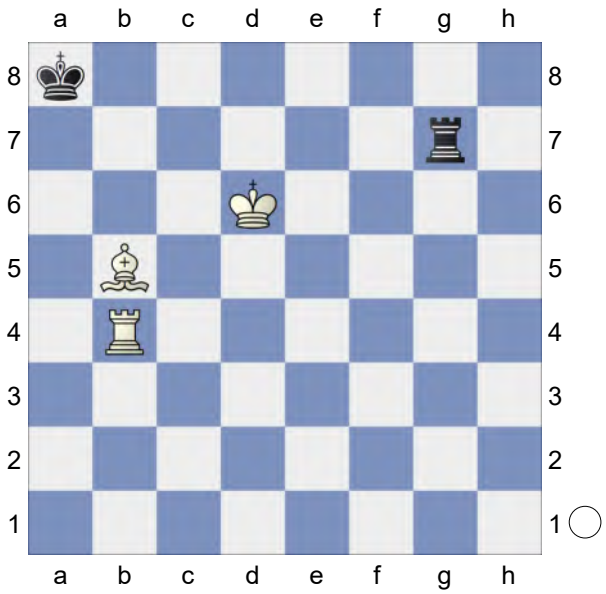
126.Be6 Rf3 127.Kc6 Rf1

[Stronger than 127...Rc3+ 128.Kb6 Rc8 129.Rb7+ Ka8 130.Ra7+ Kb8 131.Bd5 *(131.Rb7+ Ka8 132.Ra7+ Kb8 133.Bd5 Rc6+ 134.Bxc6 Kc8 135.Ra8#)* 131...Rh8 132.Ra8#]

128.Rg8+ Ka7 129.Rg7+ Kb8 130.Rb7+ Ka8



131.Rb4 Rc1+! 132.Bc4 Rg1 133.Kc7 Rg7+ 134.Kd6 Rg1 135.Bb5 Rg7



136.Bc6+ Ka7 137.Bd5 Rg1 138.Rb7+ Ka6 139.Rb4 Ka7! 140.Kc7 Rg6!

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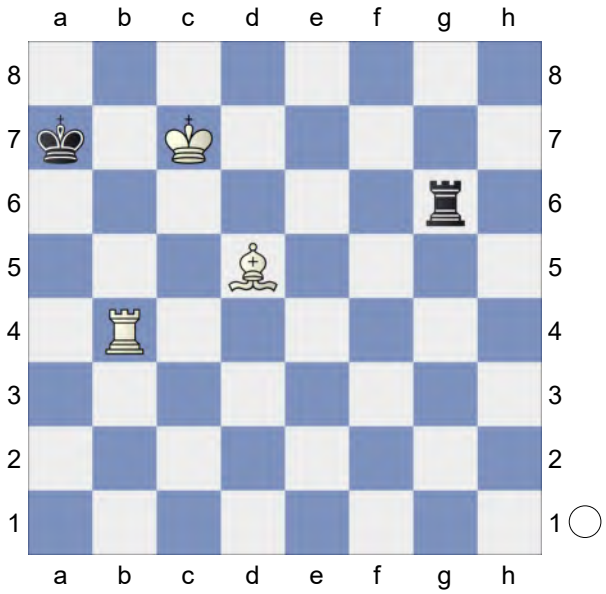
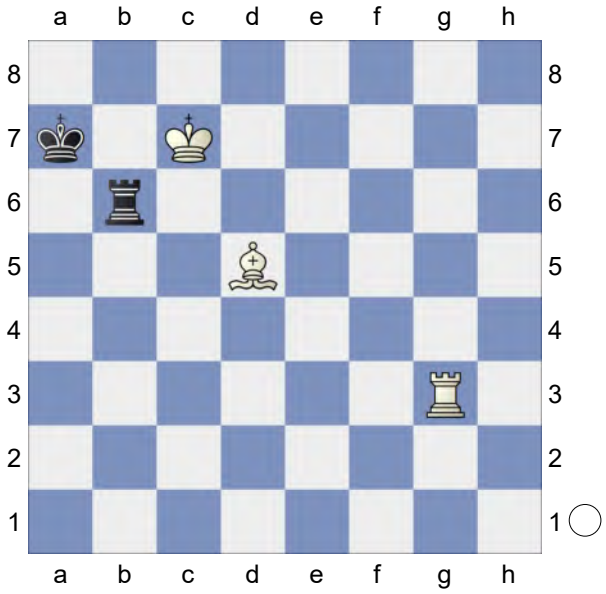


141.Ra4+ Ra6 142.Re4 Rb6 143.Re3 Rh6! 144.Ra3+ Ra6 145.Rg3 Rb6



146.Re3 Rh6! 147.Re8 Ka6!

[147...Rh7+ 148.Kc6 Rh2 149.Re7+ Kb8 150.Rb7+ Ka8 151.Rb3 Rc2+ 152.Kd7+ *(152.Kb6+ Kb8+-)* 152...Ka7 153.Bc6+-]

148.Bc6 Rh7+ 149.Bd7 Ka7

Against Ra8+ **150.Re1 Rh6**

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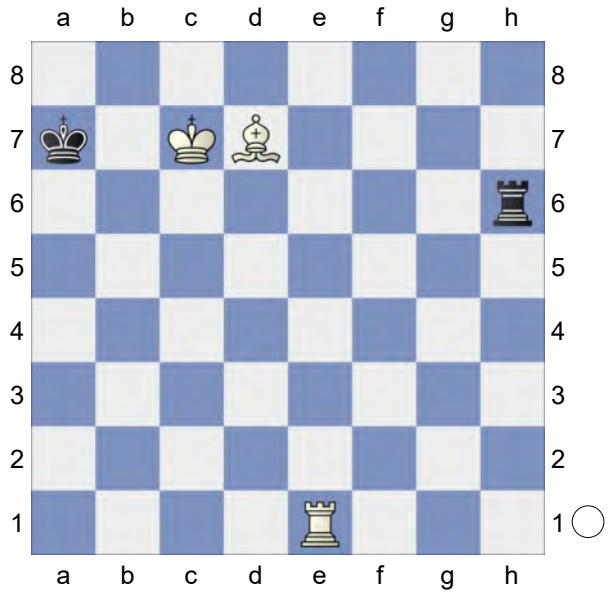
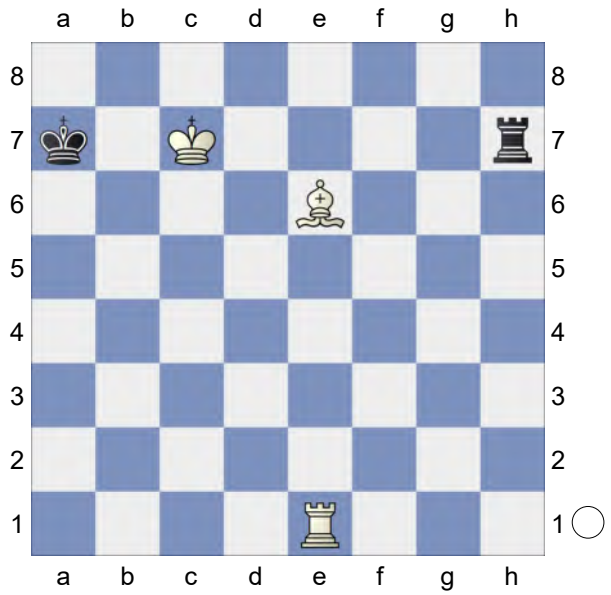


151.Bc8 Rh7+ 152.Bd7 Rh6 153.Be6 Rh7+ 154.Kc6 Rh6 155.Kc7 Rh7+



156.Kc6 Rh6 157.Ra1+ Kb8 158.Rb1+ Ka7 159.Rb7+ Ka8! 160.Re7 Rh1

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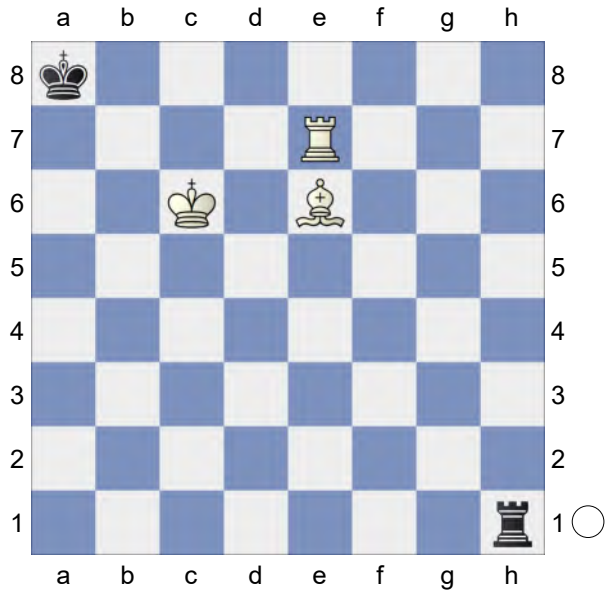
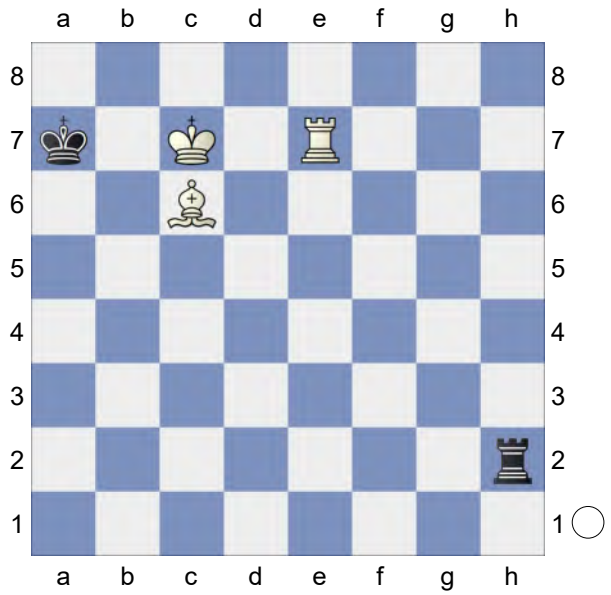
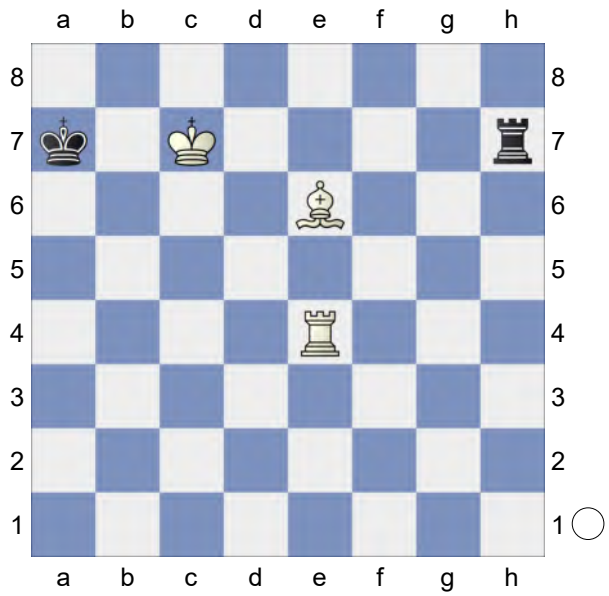


161.Re8+ Ka7 162.Re7+ Ka8 163.Bd5 Rh6+ 164.Kc7+ Ka7 165.Bc6 Rh2

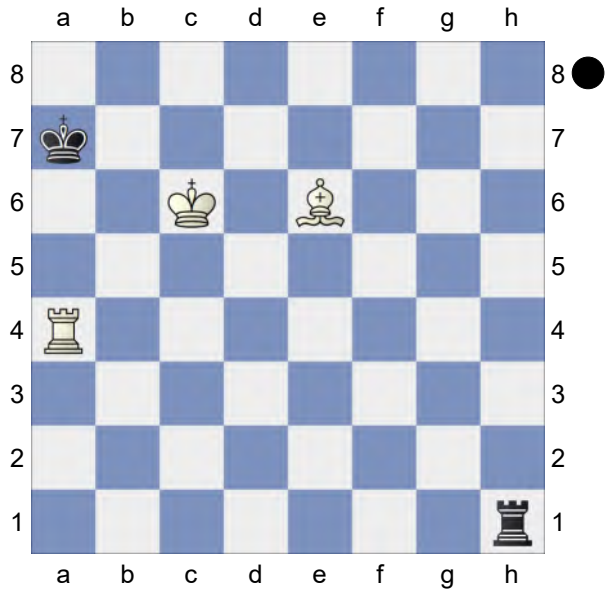


166.Re4 Rh7+ 167.Bd7 Rh6 168.Bb5 Threatening mate with Ra4+. **168...Rh7+ 169.Bd7 Rh6 170.Be6 Rh7+**

(Diagram)



171.Kc6 Strongly threatening Ra4+.
171...Rh1 172.Ra4+ Kb8 173.Rb4+ Ka7 Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
174.Ra4+



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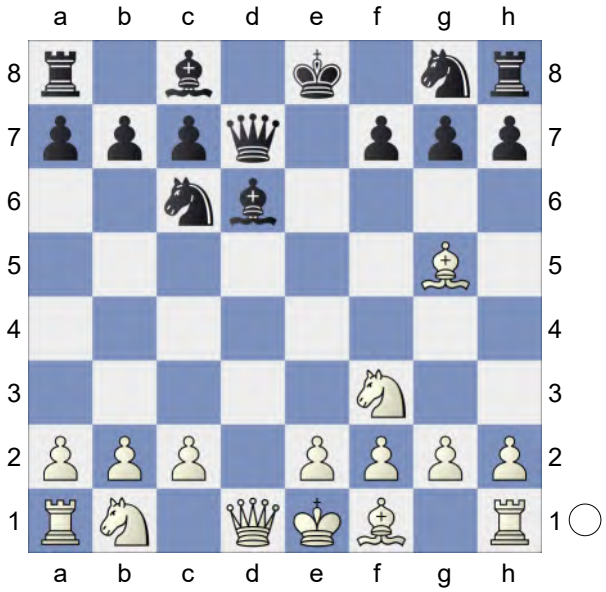
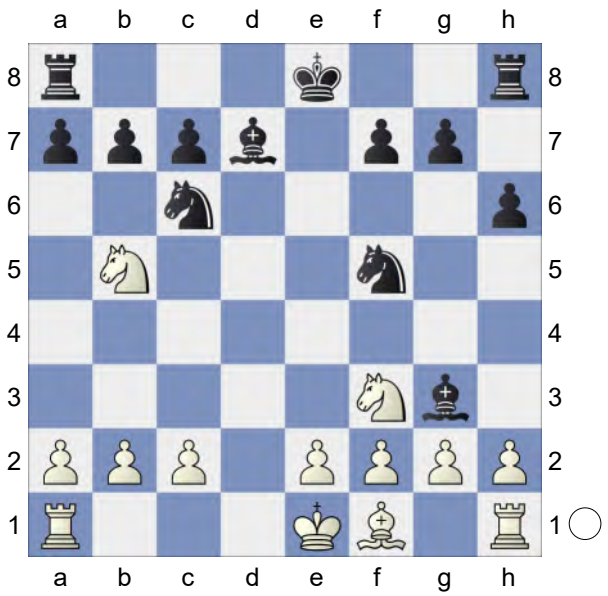
10 **A40**
□ **abcbot** **2943**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2888**
Blitz 18.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 6min+2sec
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6

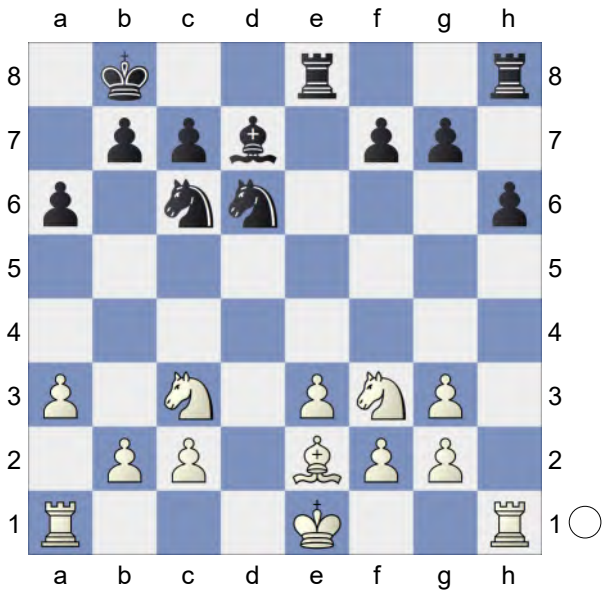


6.Nc3 h6 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.Nb5
White is clearly better. **8...Nf5 9.Bg3N**
[9.Nxd6+ Nxd6 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Qxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Rhe8 15.e3 Ne5 16.f3 f5 17.e4 Re7 18.Re1 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rde8 20.Bd3 Nxd3+ 21.cxd3 Be6 22.a3 Bf7 23.Kd2 Re6 1-0 (69) The Magnificent Bob (2994)-Hoon (2842) Rapid 2024]
9...Bxg3 10.Qxd7+
[10.hxg3 Qe7±]
10...Bxd7

(Diagram)



11.hxg3
[11.fxg3 0-0-0 12.e4 Nb4∓]
11...0-0-0 12.Nc3 Nd6 13.a3 Rde8 14.e3 a6 15.Be2 Kb8



16.Rd1 Bf5 17.Rc1 Be6 18.Rd1 f5 19.Rh5 White is more active. **19...Bf7 20.Rh2 g5**

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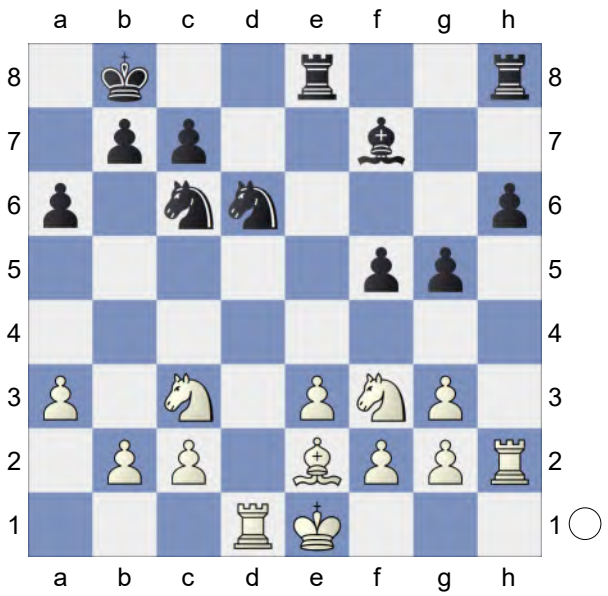
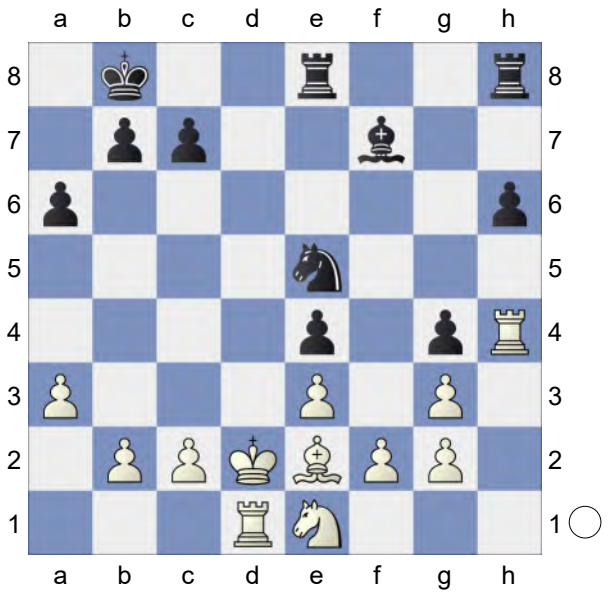


21.Kd2 g4 22.Ne1 Ne5 23.Rh4 0.76/20
[White should try 23.Nd3! 1.15/23]
23...Ne4+± 24.Nxe4 fxe4



25.f4!
[25.Bxg4 Nxg4 26.Rxg4 Bh5-+]
25...Rd8+

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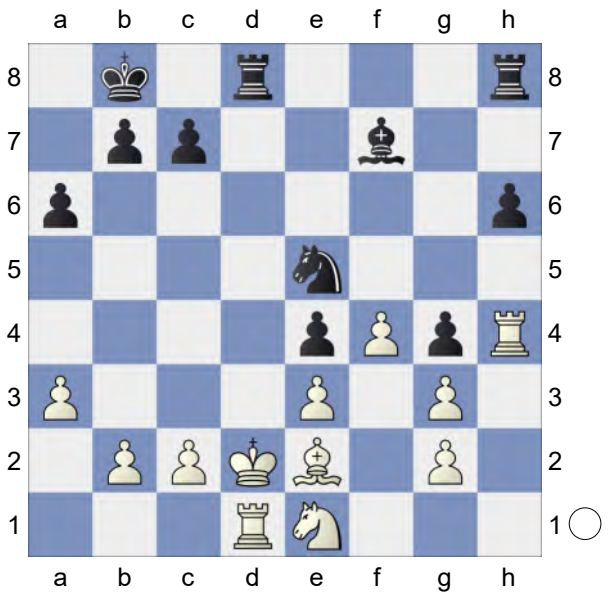
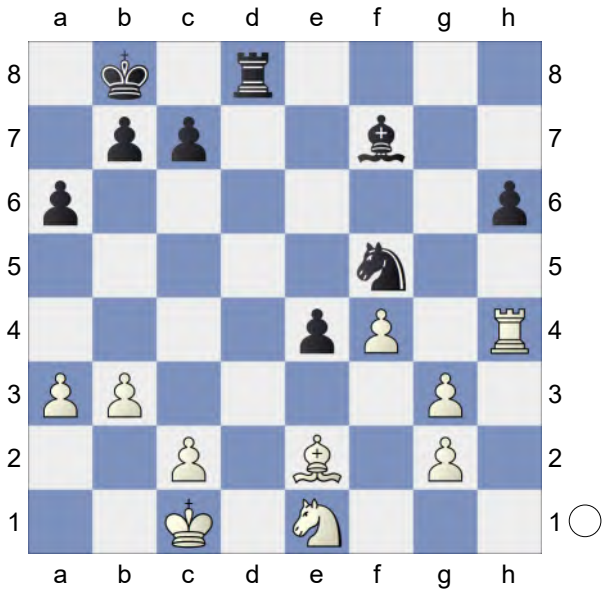


26.Kc1! Rxd1+ 27.Bxd1 0.34/21
[27.Kxd1± 0.78/26 Nc4 28.Bxc4 *(28.Bxg4 Rd8+ 29.Kc1 Nxe3∓)* 28...Bxc4 29.Kd2 *(29.Rxg4?* is the wrong capture. *Rd8+-+)*]
27...Nc4± 28.Bxg4 Rd8 29.b3
[29.Rxh6 Nxe3 30.Be2 Bc4∓]
29...Nxe3 30.Be2 Nf5



31.Rh3 Nd4 32.Bd1 e3! 33.Bg4 e2! 34.Kd2 Nf3+ 35.Kxe2 Ng1+

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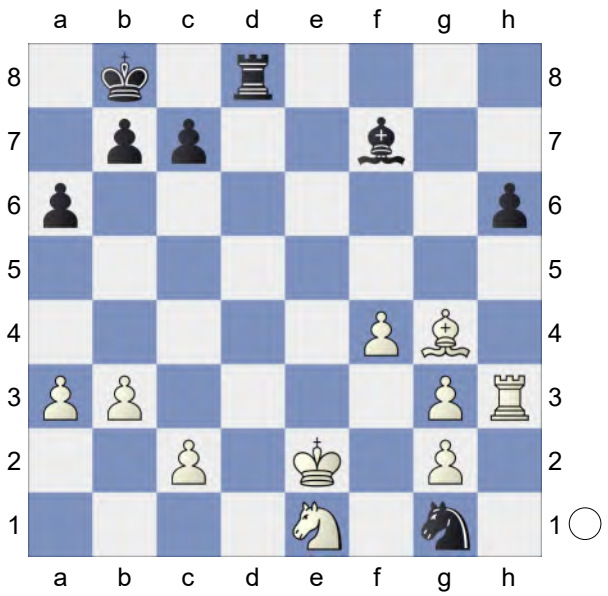
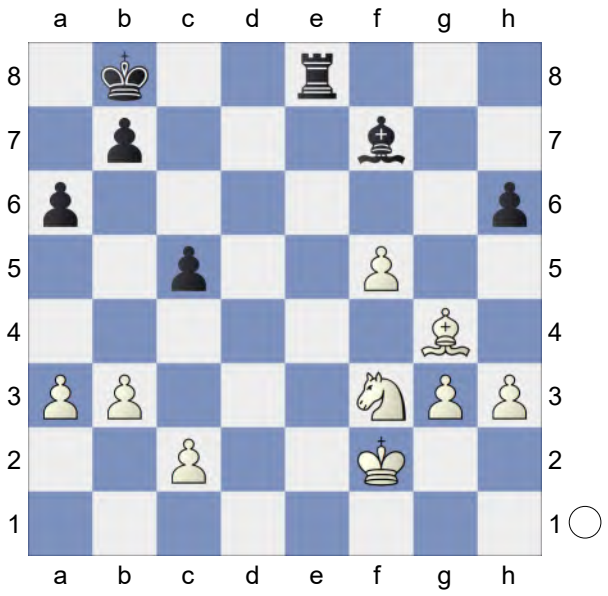


36.Ke3 Re8+ 37.Kf2 Nxh3+ 38.gxh3
Endgame KRB-KBN
38...c5 39.Nf3 Bg6! 40.f5 Bf7



41.Nd2 Black should prevent Bf3.
41...Re5! 42.Kf3 h5 43.Kf4 Rd5 44.Ne4 hxg4 45.hxg4 c4!

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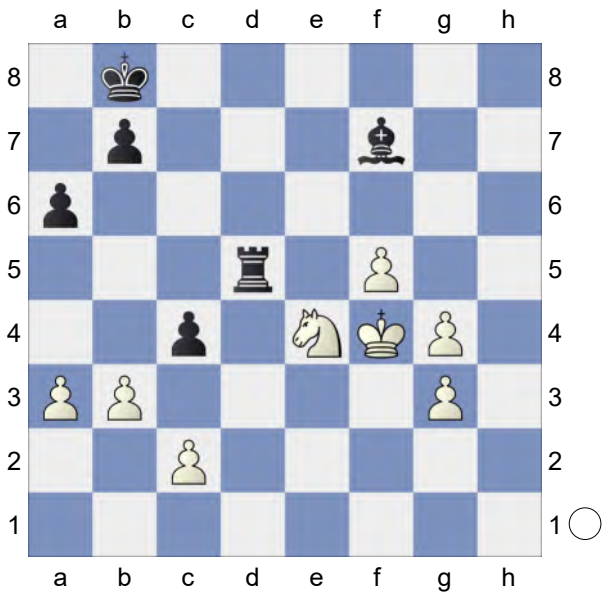
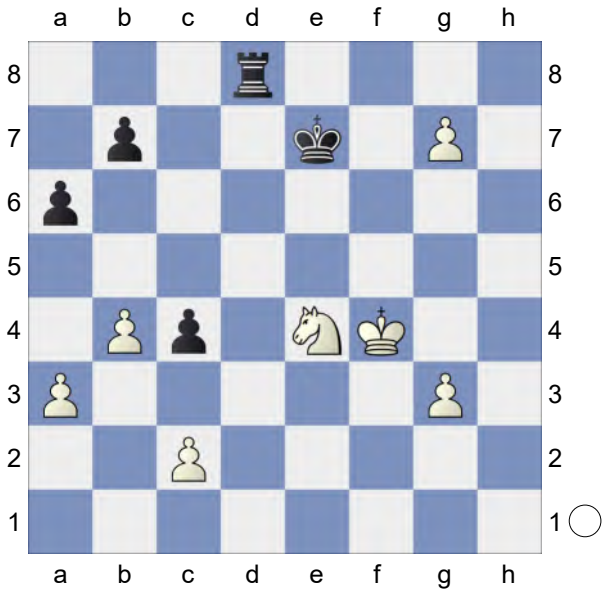


46.b4 Kc7 The position is equal. **47.g5** Strongly threatening g6. **47...Kd8 48.g6 Bxg6 49.fxg6 Ke7 50.g7 Rd8**

[Wrong is 50...Kf7? 51.g8B+ *(51.g8N Rd1+-)* 51...Kxg8 52.Nf6+ Kf7 53.Nxd5+-]



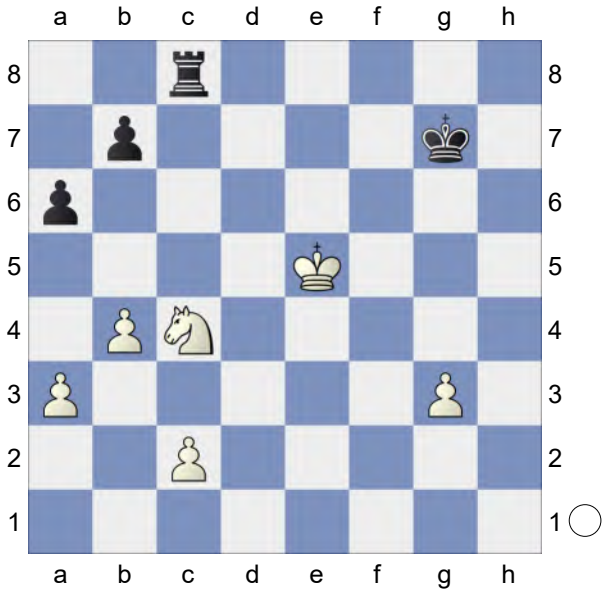
Dodges g8Q **51.Ke5**

[51.Kg5!? Kf7□ 52.Kh6=]

51...Kf7 52.Nd6+ Kxg7 White must now prevent ...b5. **53.Nxc4** Black escapes into a draw.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

53...Rc8



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11 **A40**

□ **Nikitosikbot_v2** **3039**

■ **Hoon_Bot** **2879**

Rapid 18.06.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 7min+2sec

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 f6 5.exf6 Nxf6

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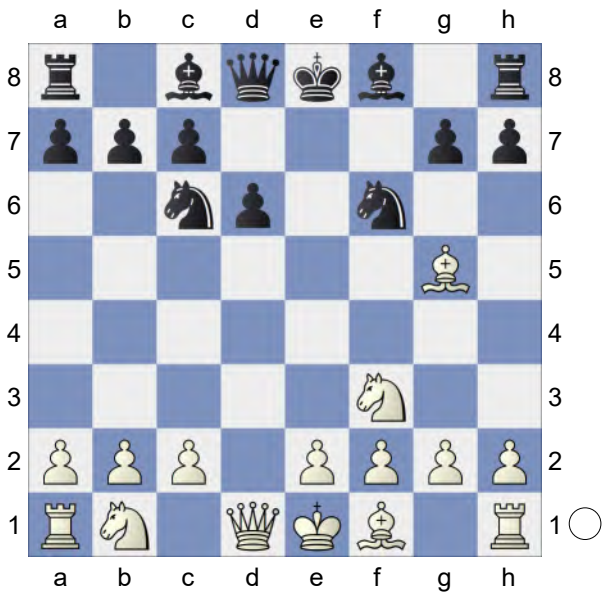

6.e3 Be7 7.Nc3
[7.Bd3 Be6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3 g5 18.f4 Ng6 19.Bxh5 gxf4 20.Bg4 Qe5 21.exf4 Nxf4 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024]
7...0-0 8.Bd3 White is clearly better.
8...Bg4 9.h3 Bh5N
[9...Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Ne5 11.Qxb7 Rb8 12.Qxa7 Rxb2 13.0-0 Nxd3 14.cxd3 d5 15.Rab1 Rd2 16.Rb7 Rxd3 17.Rxc7 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5- Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023]
10.Qd2 Bxf3

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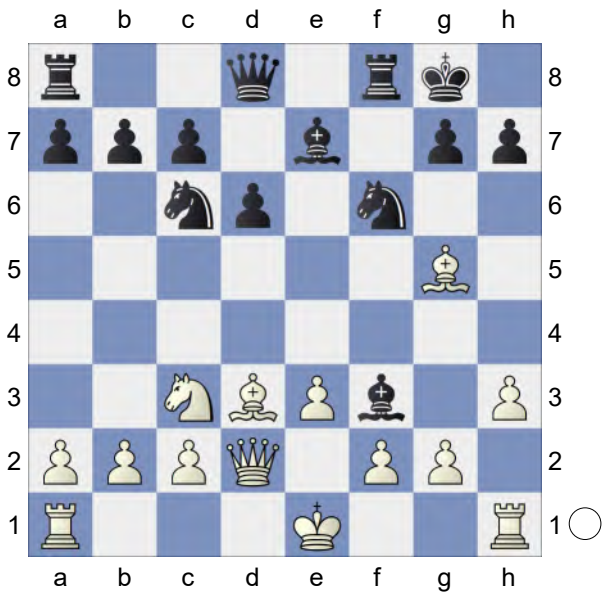
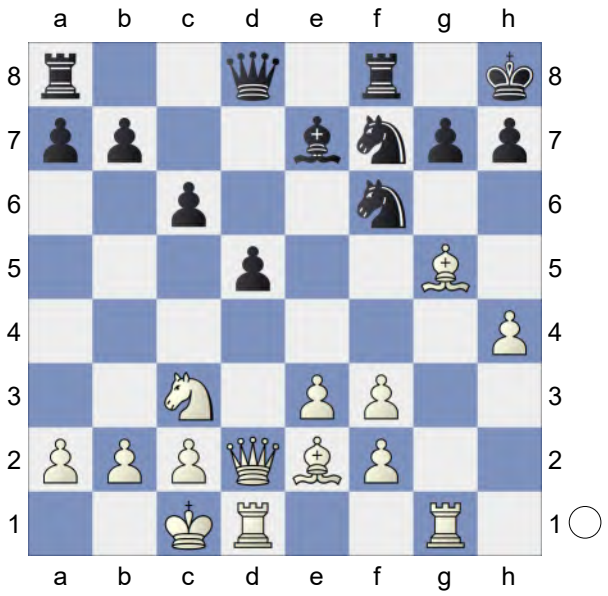


11.gxf3 Ne5 12.Be2 c6 13.0-0-0 d5 14.Rhg1 Nf7 15.h4 Kh8



16.Qd4 Qc7 17.Qf4 Qxf4 18.Bxf4 b5 19.Rh1 White is more active. **19...g6 20.Bg5 Rae8**

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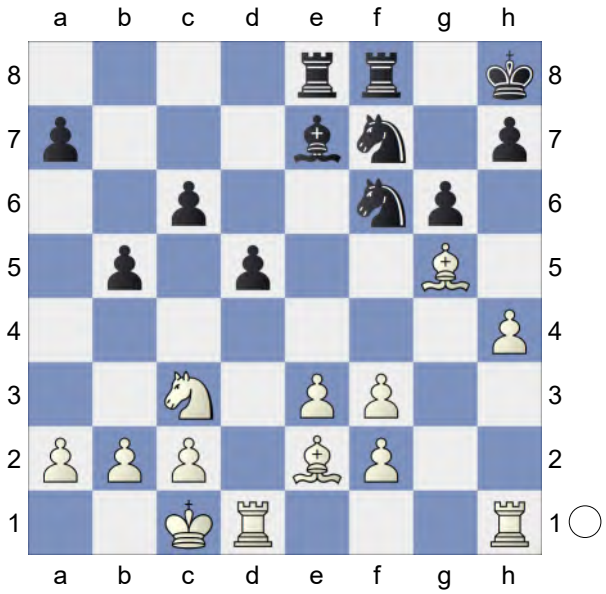
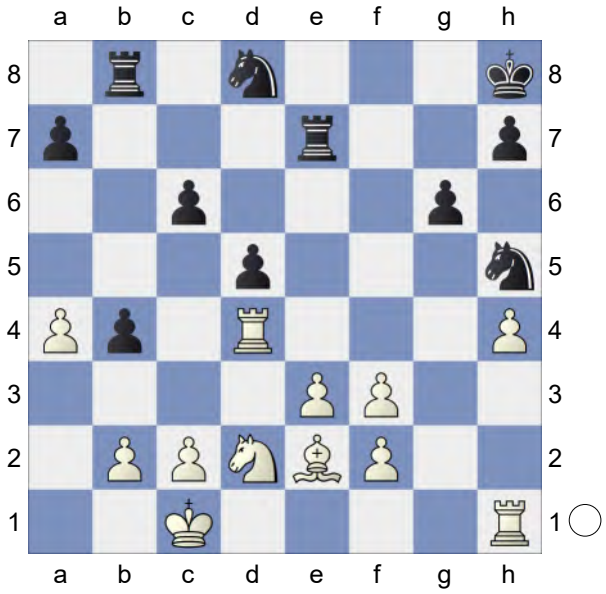


21.a4 b4 22.Nb1 Nh5 23.Bxe7 Rxe7 24.Rd4 Rb8 25.Nd2 Nd8



26.Nb3 Ne6 Wards off f4 **27.Rd2 Nf6 28.Bf1 Nd7 29.Bh3 Ndc5 30.Nxc5 Nxc5**

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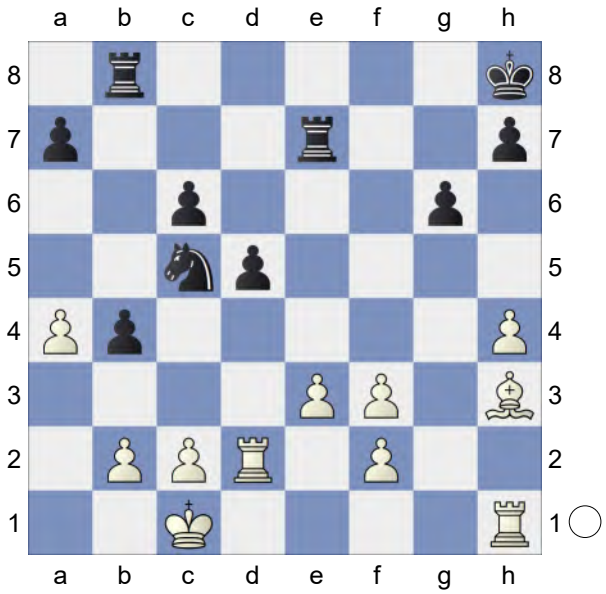
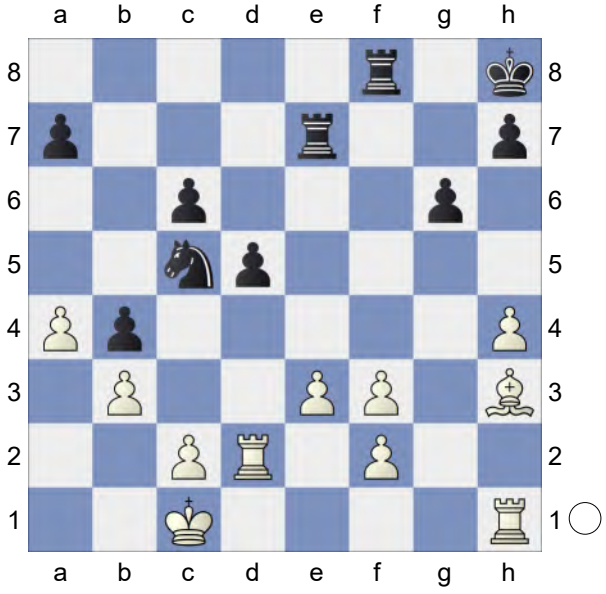


31.b3 Rf8



32.Bg2 a5 33.Rd4 Kg7 34.Rg4 Kf6 35.f4 Rg8

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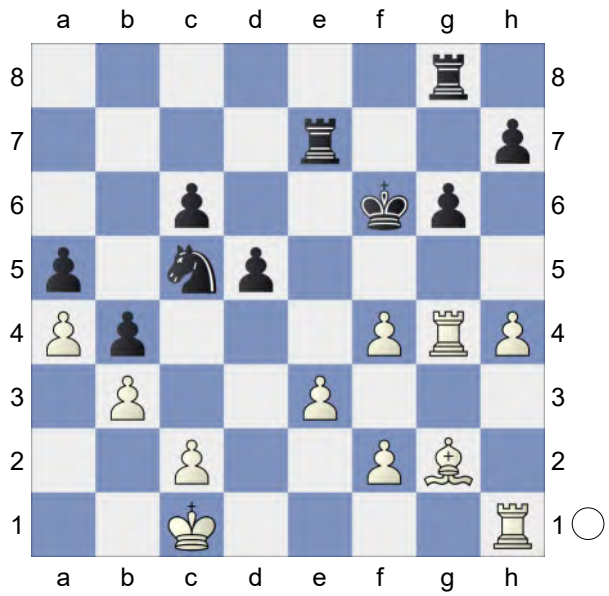
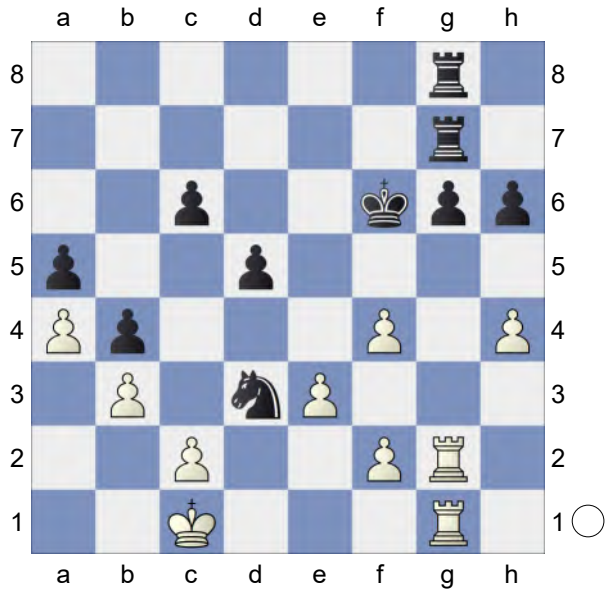
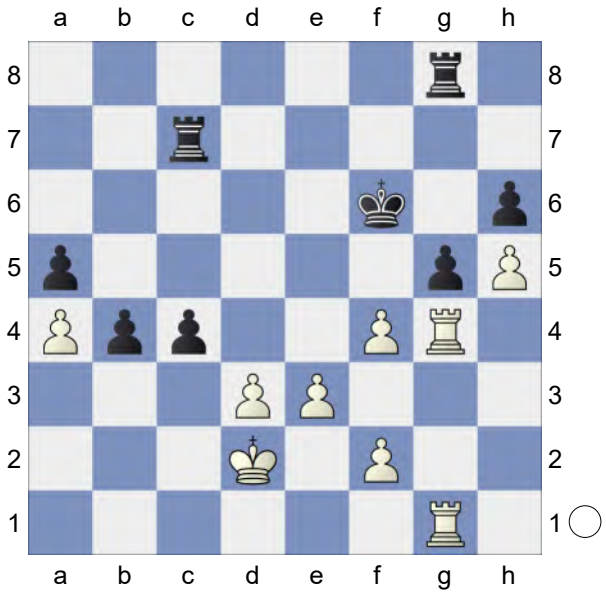


36.Bf3 h6 37.Be2 Reg7 1.88/21
[37...Ne4± 1.48/20]
38.Rg2+- Rd7 39.Rhg1 Rdg7 40.Bd3 Nxd3+ 2.22/16
[40...g5± 1.36/20]



41.cxd3± Endgame KRR-KRR. White is a pawn up. **41...c5 42.Kd2 Rc7 43.h5 g5 44.Rg4**
[44.fxg5+ Rxg5 45.Rxg5 hxg5±]
44...c4 3.67/22
[44...Rgg7 2.34/19 45.Ke2 *(45.fxg5+ Rxg5 46.Rf4+ Ke6=)* 45...c4]

45.bxc4+- dxc4



46.dxc4 Rh7? 3.93/18
[46...Rxc4± 1.60/16 was necessary. 47.fxg5+ Discovered Attack Rxg5 48.Rxc4 Rxg1]
47.e4 Rd8+ 48.Ke3 Rg8 49.Rd1 Rb7 5.21/18
[⌓49...Rb8 3.50/15 50.Rd6+ Ke7]
50.fxg5+ White is clearly winning.
[50.Rd6+ Ke7 51.Rxh6 gxf4+ 52.Kf3 *(52.Kxf4 Rxg4+ 53.Kxg4 Rb8∓; 52.Rxf4 Rgb8+-)* 52...Rxg4 53.Rh7+ *(53.Kxg4 Rb8∓)* 53...Kf6 54.Rxb7 Rg1 55.Kxf4 Rc1 56.e5+ Ke6 57.Rb6+ Ke7]
50...hxg5

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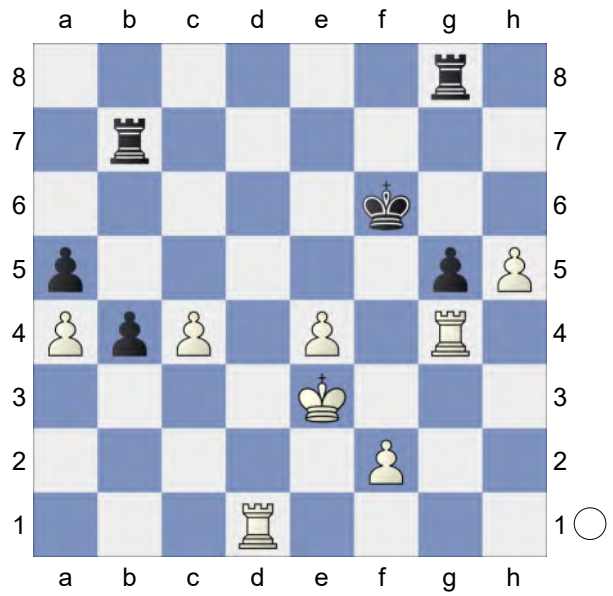
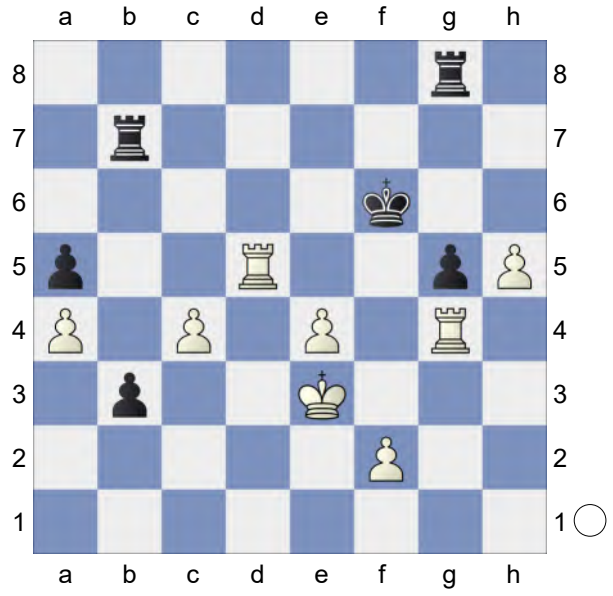


51.Rd5 b3



aiming for ...b2. **52.Rb5**
[52.Rxa5? b2 53.Rg1 b1Q *(53...b1B?* loses. *54.Rf5+ Ke6 55.Rb5+-)* 54.Rf5+ Ke6 55.Rxb1 Rxb1-+]
52...Rxb5 53.cxb5 KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **53...Rc8 54.Rg1 b2** 7.75/19
[⌓54...Rc4 4.89/17 55.Rb1 Rb4]
55.Rb1 Rc3+

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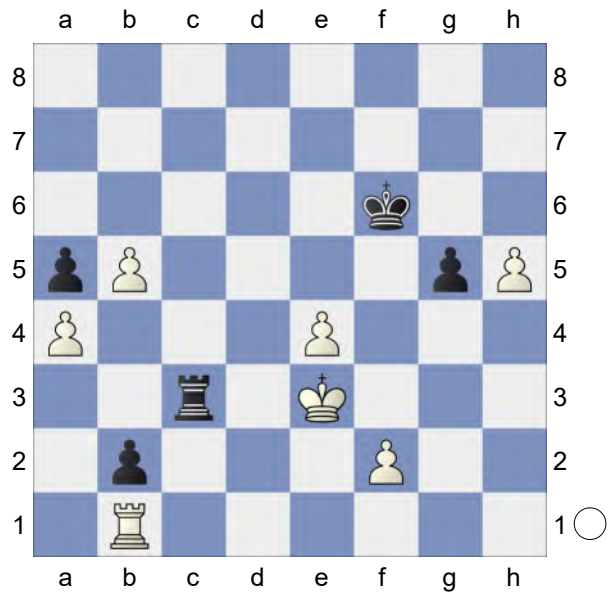
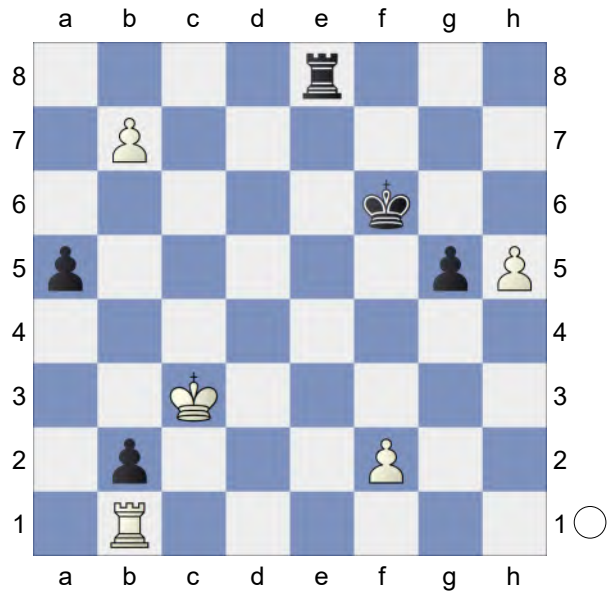


56.Kd4 Rb3 57.Kc4 Rb4+ 58.Kc3 Rxa4 59.b6 Rxe4 60.b7 Re8



61.Kxb2 Rb8 62.Ka3 a4 63.Kxa4 Kf5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.29 (precise)
64.Ka5

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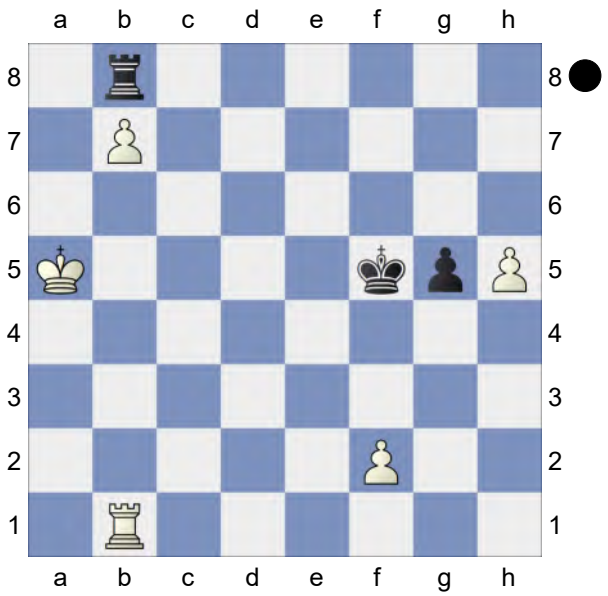

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12 **A40**
□ **Mr-Chess-Berserk** **2973**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2867**
Blitz 10.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4.Bg5 Qd7 5.Nc3 Nc6

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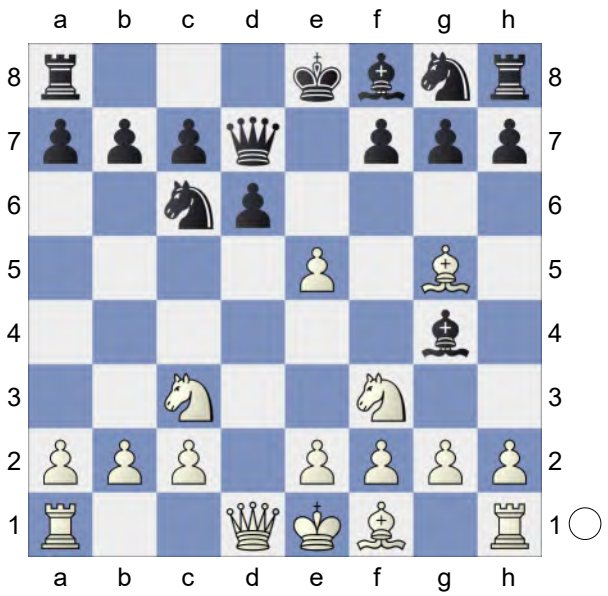
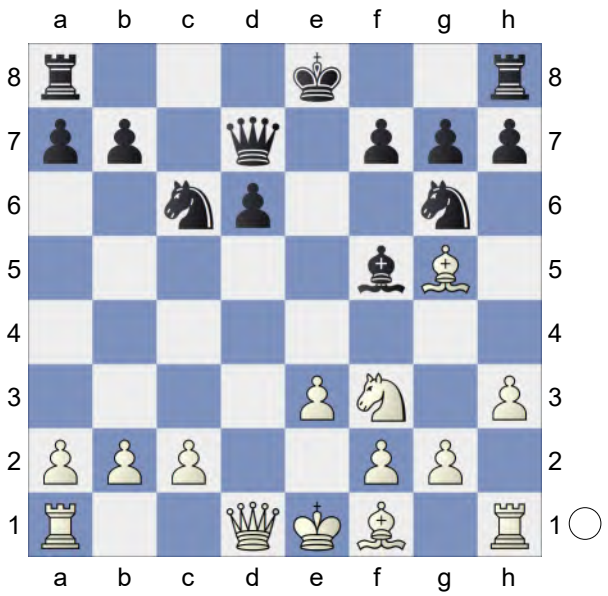
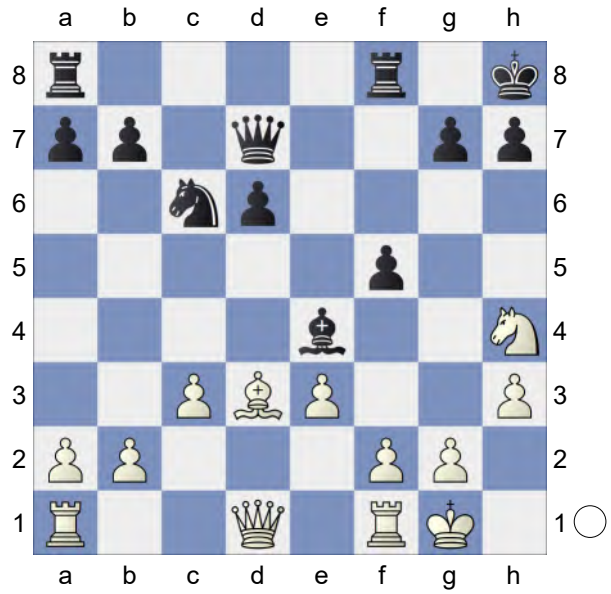


6.exd6N
[6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 20.exf4 Ne7 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]
6...Bxd6 7.Nb5 Nge7 8.Nxd6+ White is clearly better. **8...cxd6 9.h3 Bf5 10.e3 Ng6**

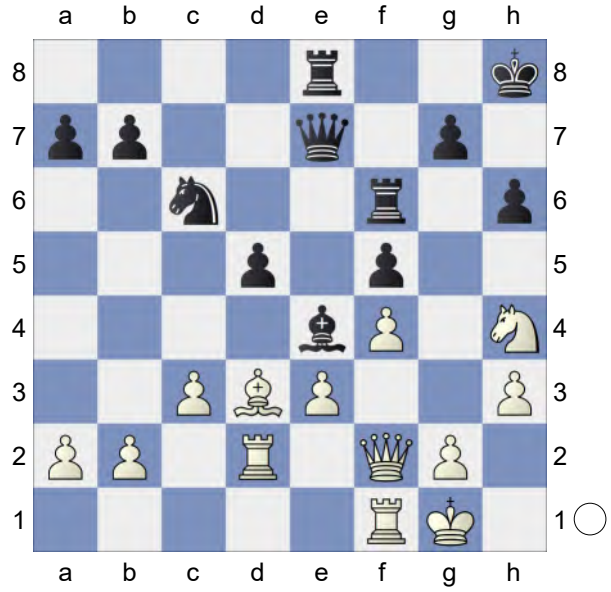


11.c3 0-0 12.Bh4 Nxh4 13.Nxh4 Be4

14.Bd3 f5 15.0-0 Kh8



16.f4 d5 17.Qe2 Rae8 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.Qf2 1.21/3
[Better is 19.Nf3+- 1.68/8]
19...Rf6± 20.Rd2 h6



21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.Rfd1 Qf7 23.Rd7 1.95/7
[23.Rd6± 1.52/4]
23...Re7+- 24.R7d5 White is more active. **24...Re8 25.g3 Ne7**

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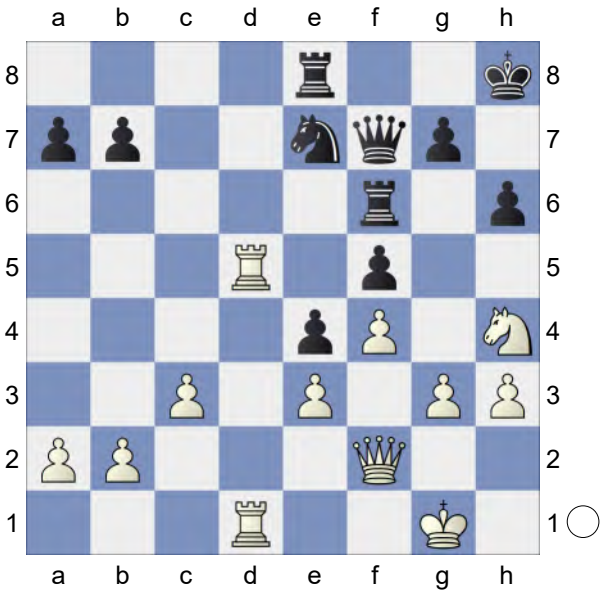
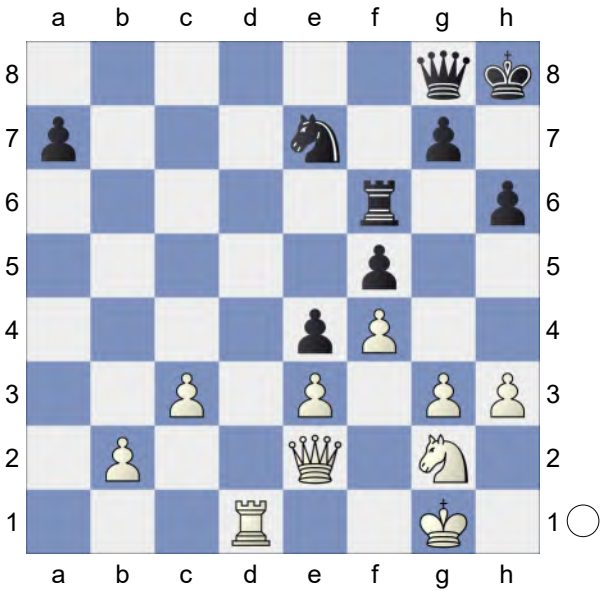


26.Rd7 Qxa2 27.Qe2
[27.Rxb7 Ng6]
This costs Black the game. **27...Qg8** 2.39/20
[27...Ng6± 0.90/3]
28.Rxb7 Ng6 29.Ng2
[29.Rxa7 Nxh4 30.gxh4 Rd8]
29...Re7 30.Rxe7 Nxe7



31.Rd7 Nc8 32.Qb5 Rf7 2.53/9
[32...Qe8± 1.50/7 33.Qb7 Qg8]
33.Rd4 Rf6 34.g4 Hoping for Nh4.
34...fxg4 2.50/3
[⌓34...Nd6 1.83/3 35.Qd7 Qe6

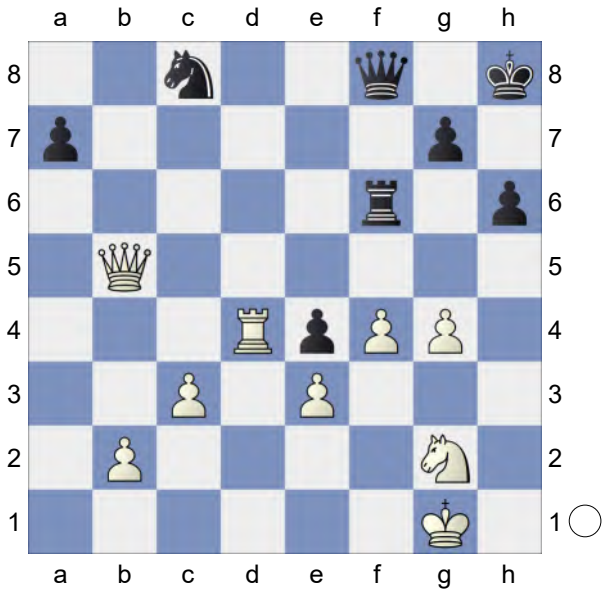
36.Qxe6 *(36.Qxa7 Qc8+-)* 36...Rxe6]

35.hxg4

[35.Rxe4? Nd6 *(35...gxh3 36.Re8= Pin)* 36.Qd3 Nxe4 *(36...gxh3? 37.Rd4∓)* 37.Qxe4 gxh3-+]

35...Qf8 3.60/19

[⌓35...Rb6 2.50/4 36.Qe5 Re6]



36.Nh4

[36.Rxe4 Nd6 37.Qe5 Nxe4 38.Qxe4 Qf7∓]

36...Nd6 37.Qe5 Kg8 38.Kh2 g5

39.Ng2

[Not 39.fxg5 Rf2+ 40.Ng2 *(40.Kg3 Rf3+ 41.Kh2 Rf2+ 42.Ng2 Nf7±)* 40...Nf7 41.Qxe4 hxg5=]

39...Rg6 40.b4 Qf6

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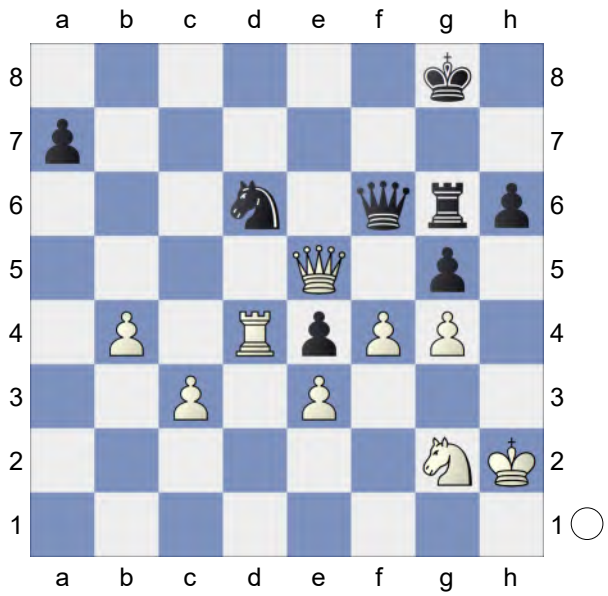
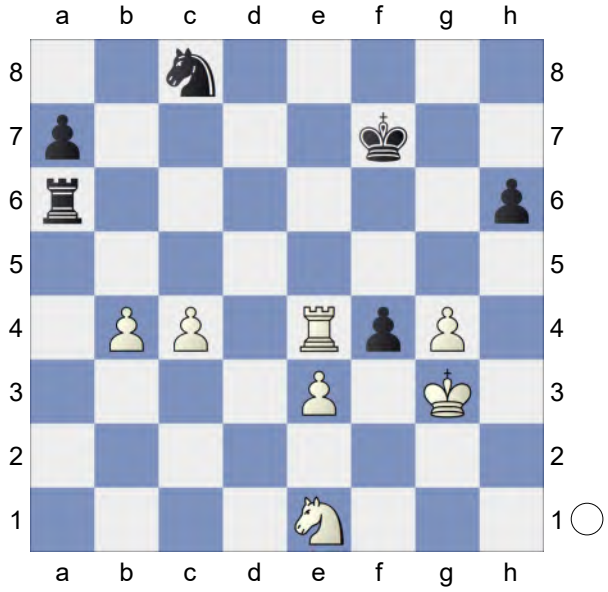


41.Qxf6 Rxf6 Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **42.c4** Dodges Nb5

42...Kf7 43.Kg3

[Weaker is 43.c5 Nb5+-]

43...Nc8 44.Rxe4 Ra6 45.Ne1 gxf4+



46.Rxf4+

[46.exf4 Ra1 47.c5 Ra3+ 48.Nf3 Ne7+-]

46...Ke8 47.Re4+ Kf7 48.Nf3 Re6? 6.62/17

[48...Nd6 3.21/3 49.Rf4+ Ke8]

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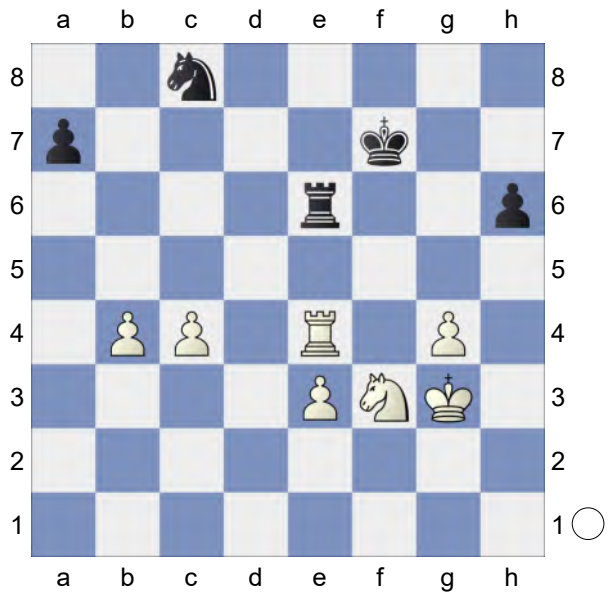
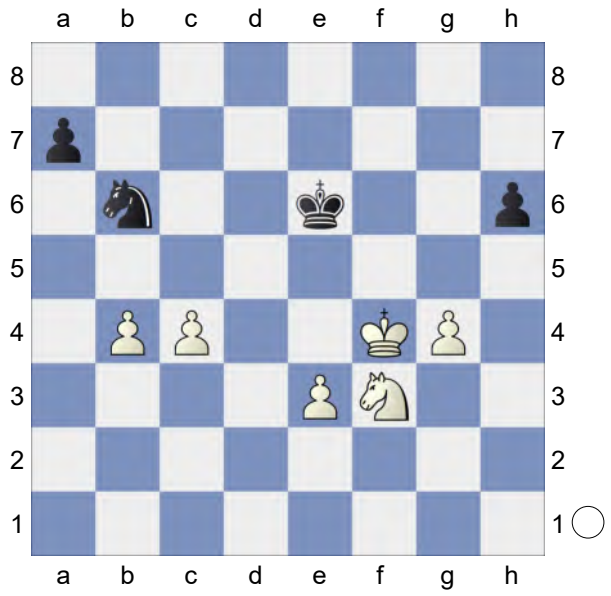


49.Rxe6 White is clearly winning.
49...Kxe6 KN-KN. White is two pawns up. **50.Kf4 Nb6**



51.Ne5 Na4 52.Ke4 Nc3+ 53.Kd4 Ne2+ 54.Kd3 Ng1 55.Nc6 Nh3

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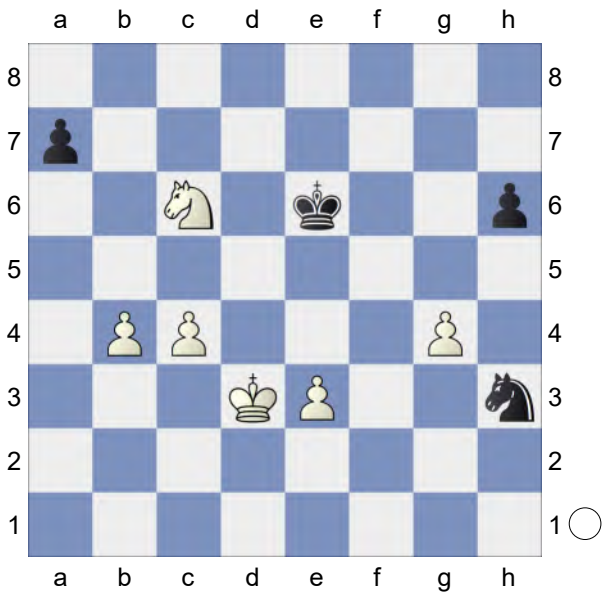
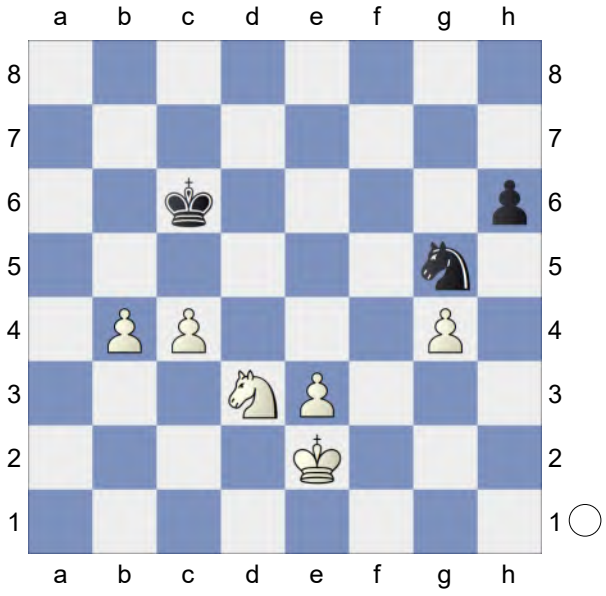


56.Ke2 a6 57.Nb8 Ng5 58.Nxa6 Kd7 59.Nc5+ Kc7 60.Nd3 Kc6



61.b5+ Kb6 62.Ne5 Kc5 63.Kd3 Nh3 64.Ke4 Nf2+ 65.Kf3 Nd1

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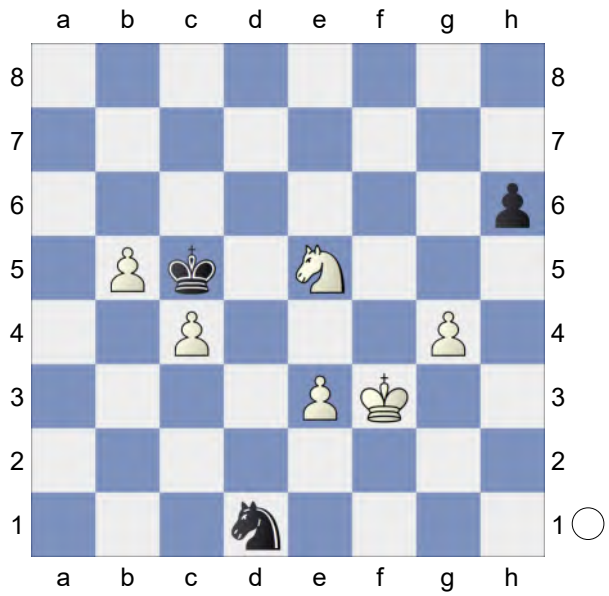
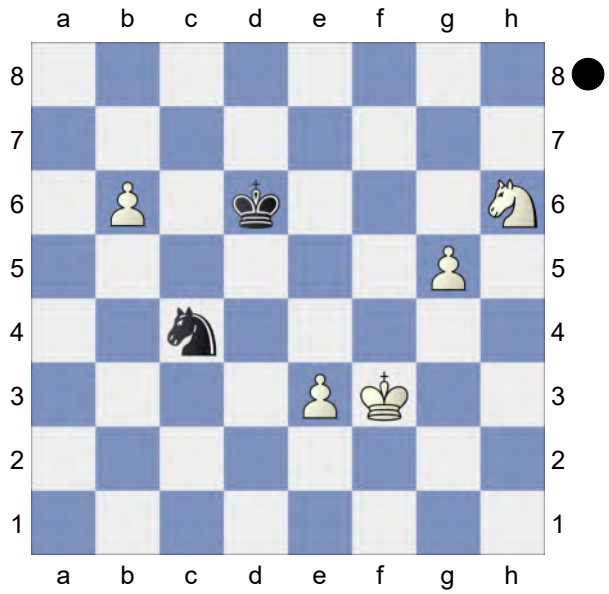


66.Nf7 Nb2 67.Nxh6 Kd6 68.g5 Nxc4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.37
69.b6



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13 **A40**
□ **yobot_v2** **3052**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2858**
Rapid 04.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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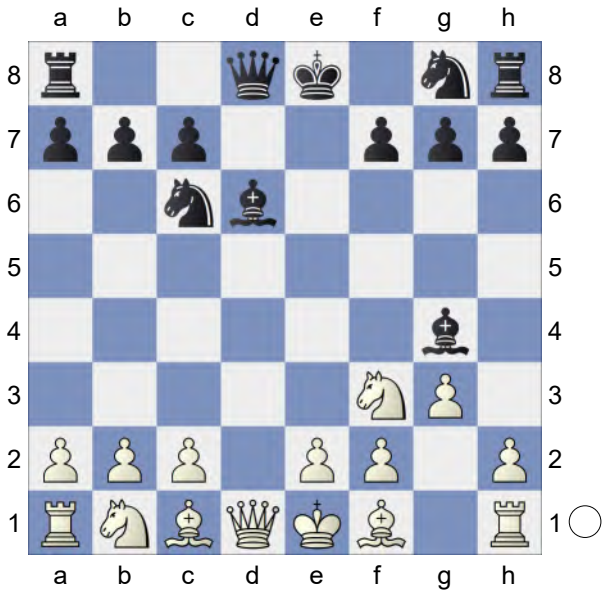
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.exd6 Bxd6 5.g3 Bg4**



6.Bg2 Qe7 7.0-0N 0.57/18
[7.c3± 1.15/19 0-0-0 8.Qa4 Nf6 9.0-0 h5 10.Bg5 h4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qxg4+ Kb8 13.Nbd2 hxg3 14.hxg3 Qh6 15.Rfd1 Bc5 16.Ne4 Bb6 17.Qg5 Qh7 18.Nc5 f6 19.Qe3 Rde8 20.Nd7+ Ka8 21.Nxb6+ axb6 22.Qd3 1-0 (32) Lets Go Argentina (2580)-Is Er Nog Hoop (2585) Blitz 2024]
7...0-0-0!± 8.Nbd2 White is slightly better. **8...Nf6 9.c3 h5 10.Re1 Bd7**

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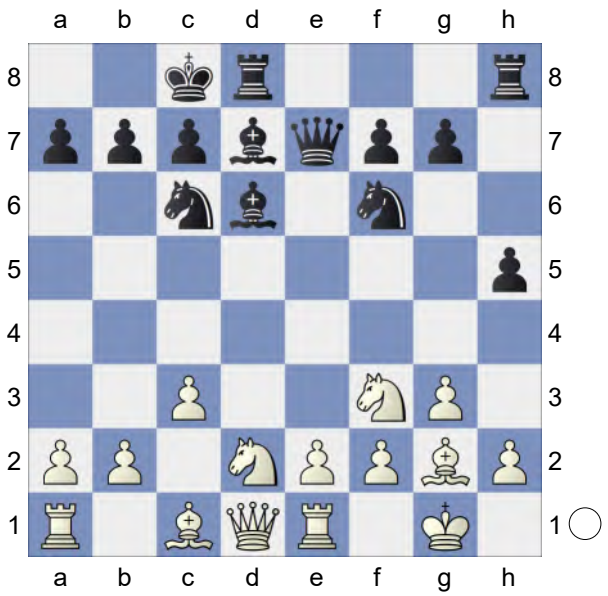
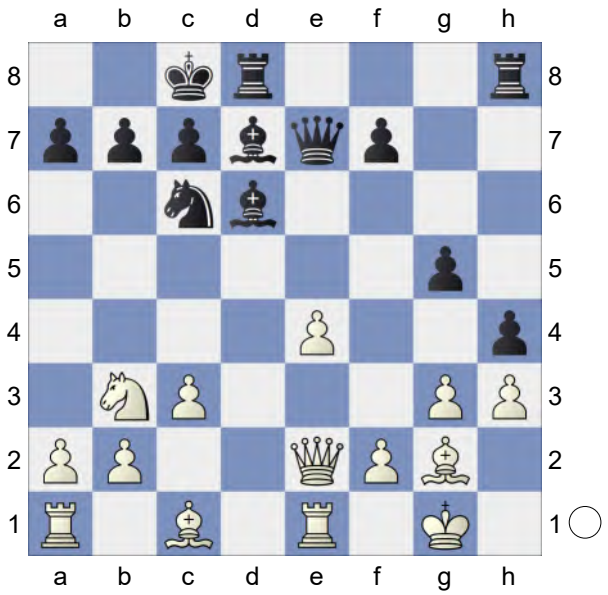


11.e4 Ng4 12.h3 Nge5 13.Nb3 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 g5 15.Qe2 h4



16.g4 Qe5

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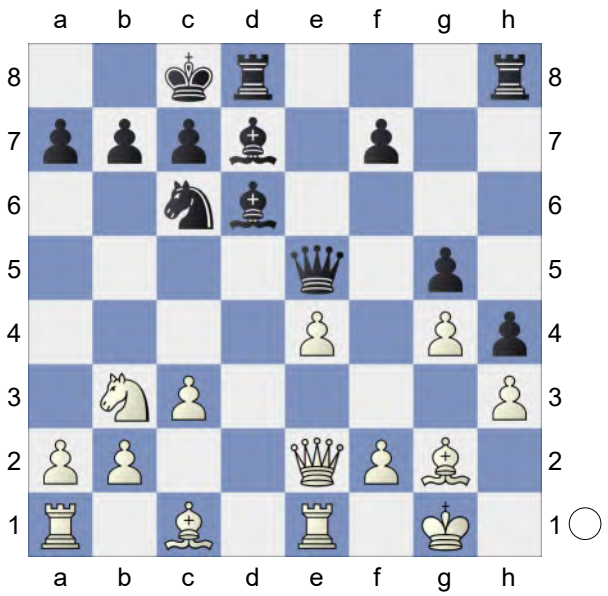
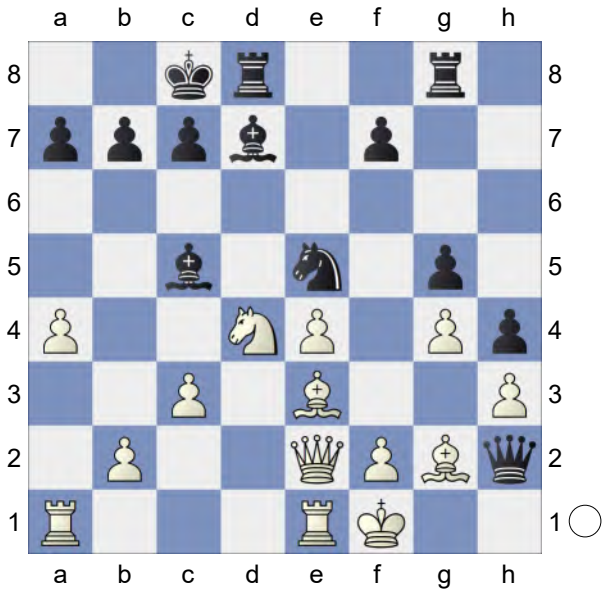


17.Nd4! Qh2+ 18.Kf1 Ne5 Inhibits Nf3.
19.Be3 Bc5 20.a4
[20.Bxg5 Rdg8 21.f4 f6∓
(21...Rxg5 22.fxg5 a6 23.Qf2∓)]
20...Rhg8



21.b3 a6 22.Rad1 Bb6 1.57/21
[Better is 22...Kb8 0.84/19]
23.Nf5!± Kb8 24.Bxb6 1.24/21
[White should try 24.Ne7!+- 1.78/22]
24...cxb6 25.Rd6 Be6

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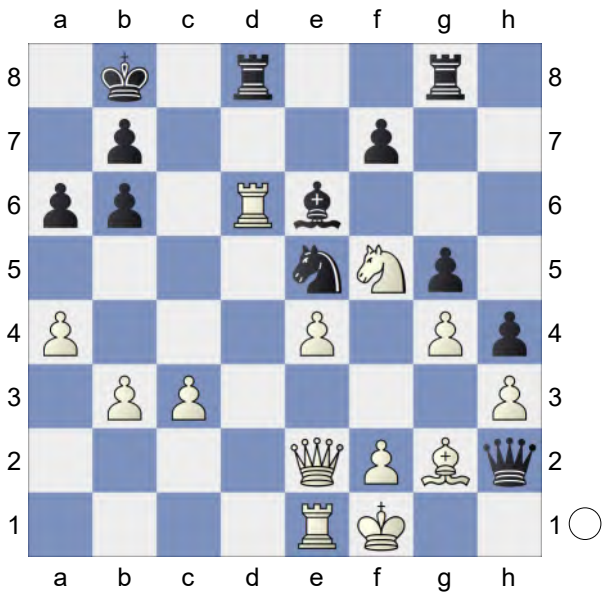
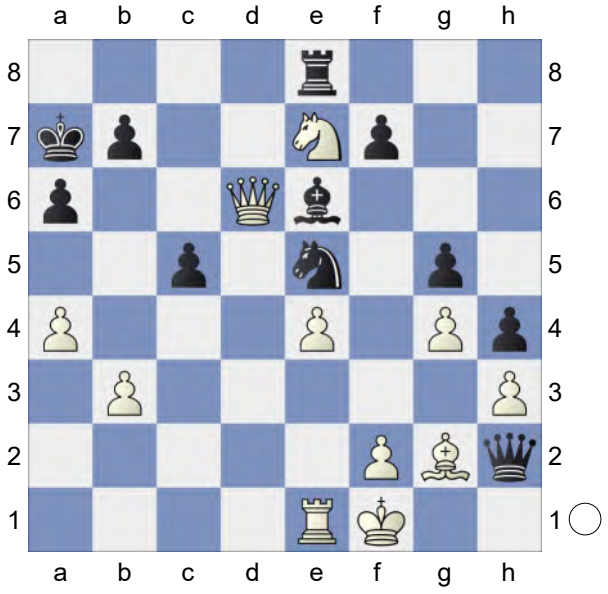


26.Qd1
[26.Rxb6 Rd3=]
26...Rxd6 27.Qxd6+ Ka7 28.c4 Rc8 29.Ne7 Dodges Rc6 **29...Re8 30.c5!**
The board is on fire. **30...bxc5**



31.Qxc5+ Kb8 1.53/18
[⌓31...Ka8 0.91/22 32.Re3 Rd8]
32.Qd6+ Ka7 33.Qd4+! Ka8

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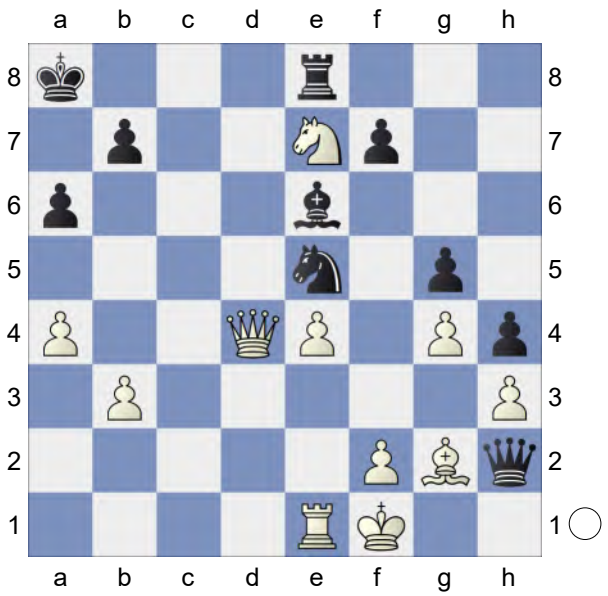
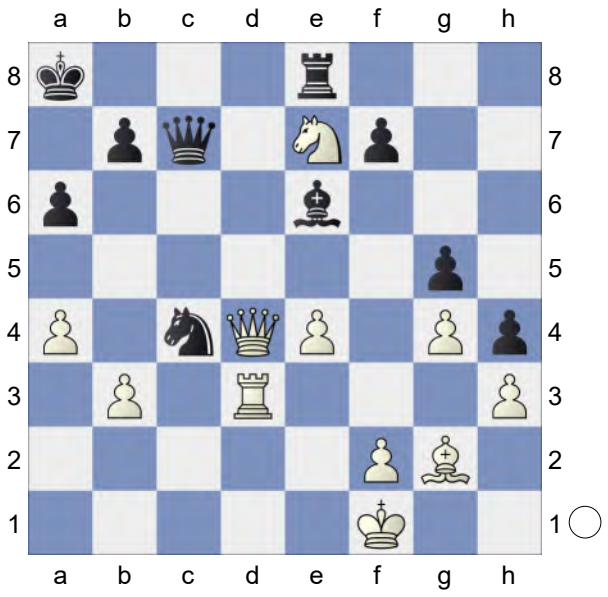
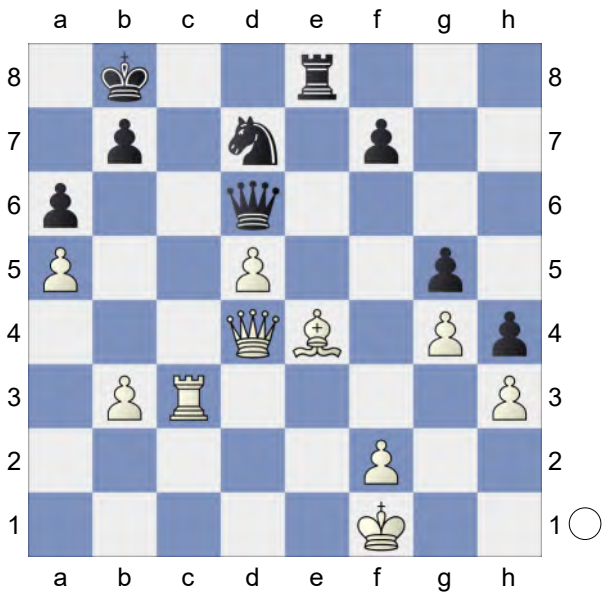


34.Re3 Nc4
[34...Qf4 35.Rc3]
35.Rd3→ White attacks with force.
35...Qc7



and ...Ne5 would now be decisive
36.Nd5 Bxd5 37.exd5
[37.Qxd5?! Ne5 38.Rd1 Qc2=]
37...Ne5 38.Rc3 Qd6 39.Be4 Kb8 40.a5 Nd7

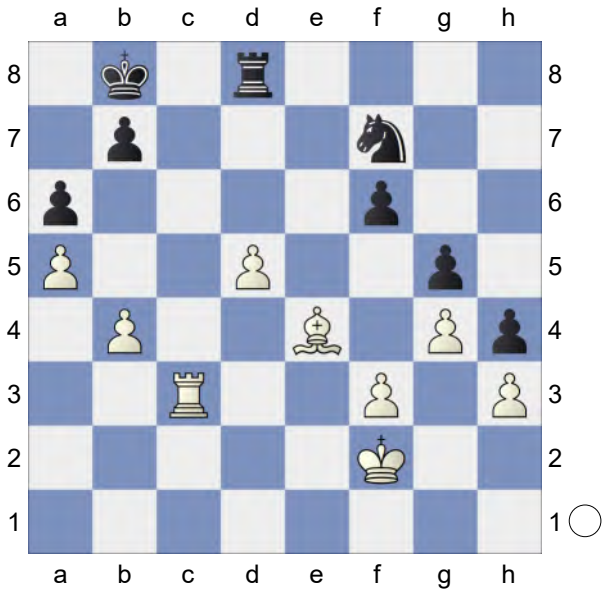
(Diagram)



41.Kg2 Rd8 42.b4 Black is weak on the light squares Black cannot hold the game after this. **42...Qe5?** 3.55/21 Wards off Kg1

[42...Re8± 1.53/18 43.Re3 Re5]

43.Qxe5++- Nxe5 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **44.f3 f6 45.Kf2 Nf7**



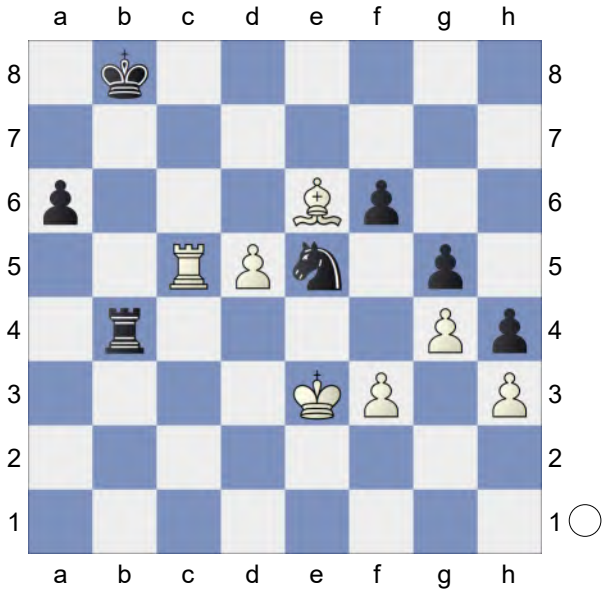
46.Bf5 Ne5 47.Rc5 Hoping for Ke3. **47...b6** 3.54/28

[47...Re8 2.35/20 was necessary. 48.d6 Rd8]

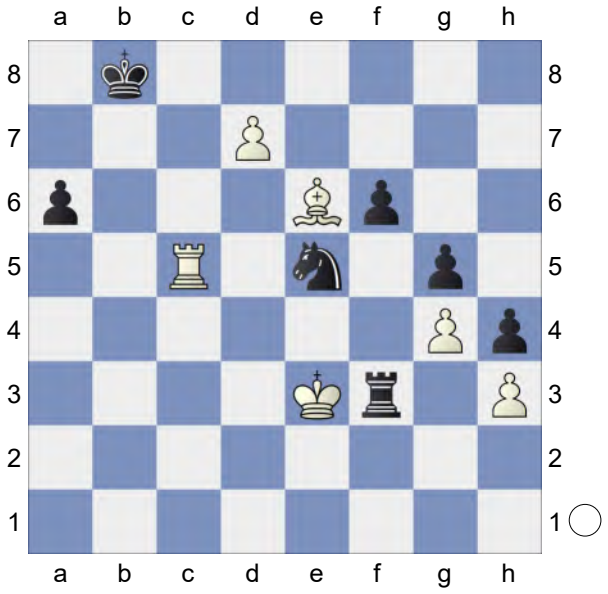
48.axb6 Rd6 49.Ke3 Rxb6 50.Be6

[50.Rc8+ Kb7±]

50...Rxb4



51.d6 Rf4 52.d7 Rxf3+



53.Ke4!

[Less strong is 53.Ke2 Nxd7 54.Rd5 *(54.Bxd7 Rxh3 55.Rc8+ Kb7+-)* 54...Rxh3 *(54...Ne5 55.Rxe5 Rxh3 56.Rf5+-)* 55.Rxd7 a5+-]

53...Nxd7 54.Bxd7 Rxh3 KRB-KR **55.Rc8+ Kb7**

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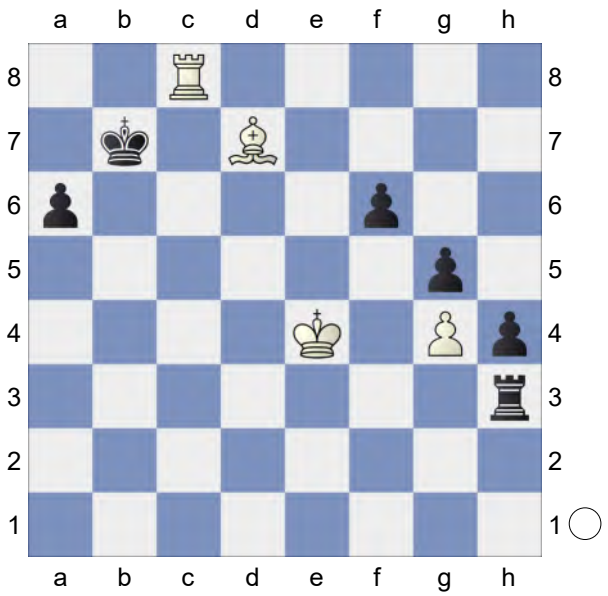
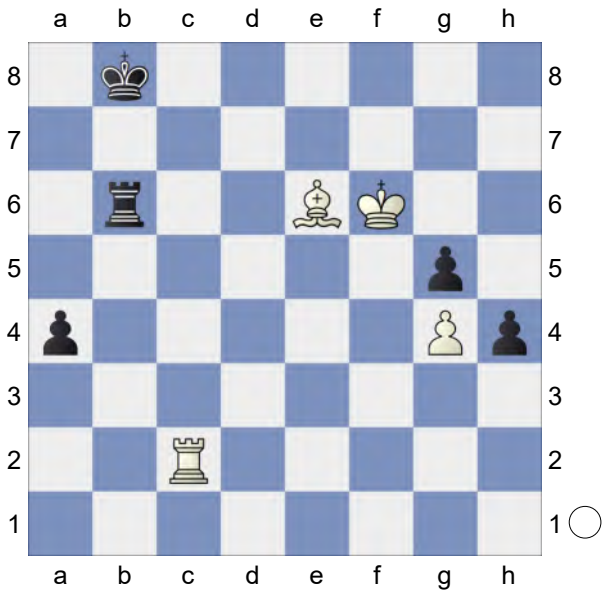


56.Rc2 Against Rh2. White is clearly winning. **56...Rb3 57.Kf5 Rb6 58.Bc8+ Kb8 59.Be6 a5 60.Kxf6 a4**



61.Re2 Rb5 62.Bd7 Rd5 7.74/18
[⌓62...Ra5 5.11/18 63.Bxa4 Rxa4]
63.Bxa4 Rd4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.25 (precise)
64.Kxg5

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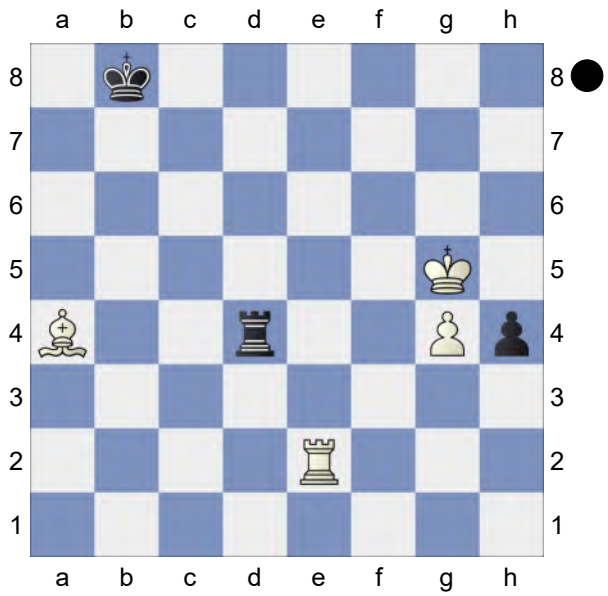

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14 **A40**
□ **toodfish** **2616**
■ **torombot** **3018**
Blitz 25.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bf4
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bg4N
[4...f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 19.Nxb7 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz

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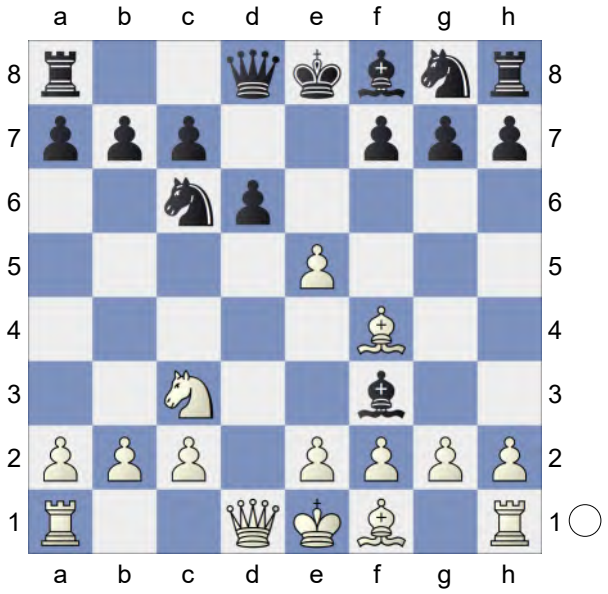
5.Nc3 Bxf3

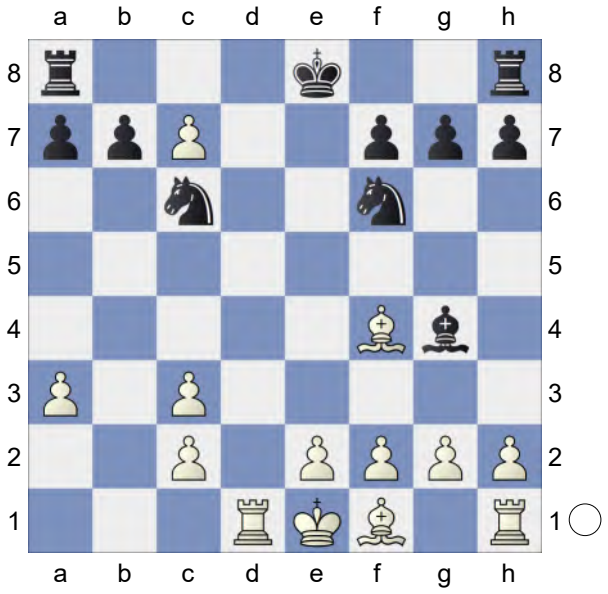


6.exd6 -0.91/19

[6.gxf3 dxe5 7.Be3 g6=]

[6.exf3± 1.08/19 stays on course. Hoping for Bb5. dxe5 7.Bg3]

6...Bg4!∓ 7.dxc7 Qxd1+ 8.Rxd1 Black is better. **8...Bb4 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Nf6**



11.f3 Be6 12.e4 Inhibits Nd5. **12...0-0! 13.Rb1**

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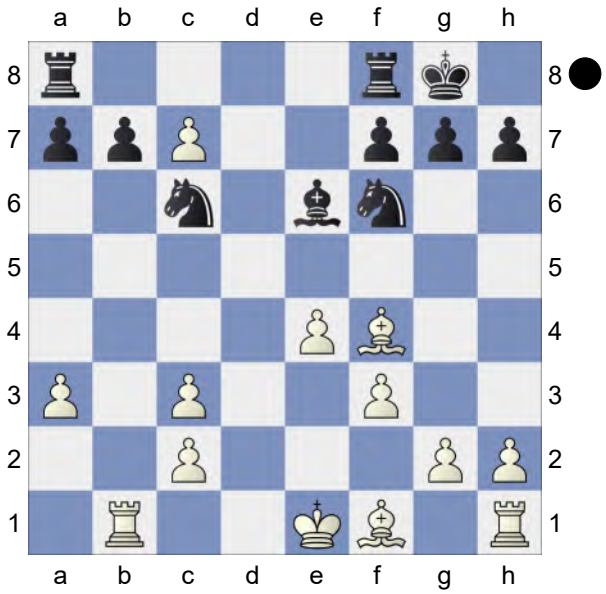
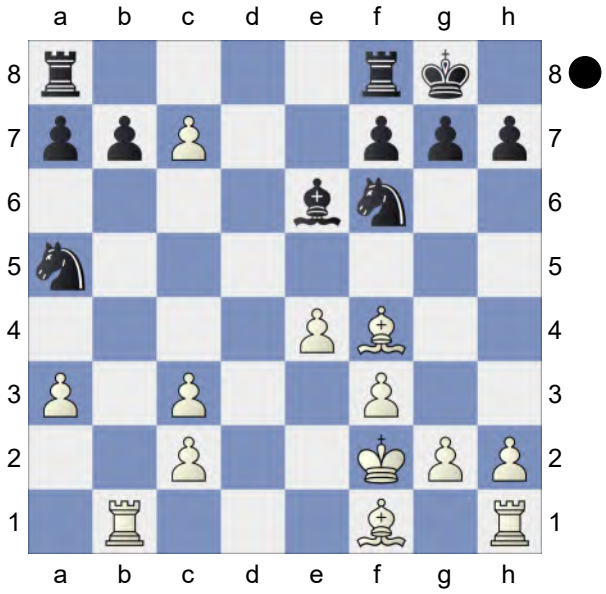


Na5 14.Kf2



Ne8! 15.Bb5 Rc8

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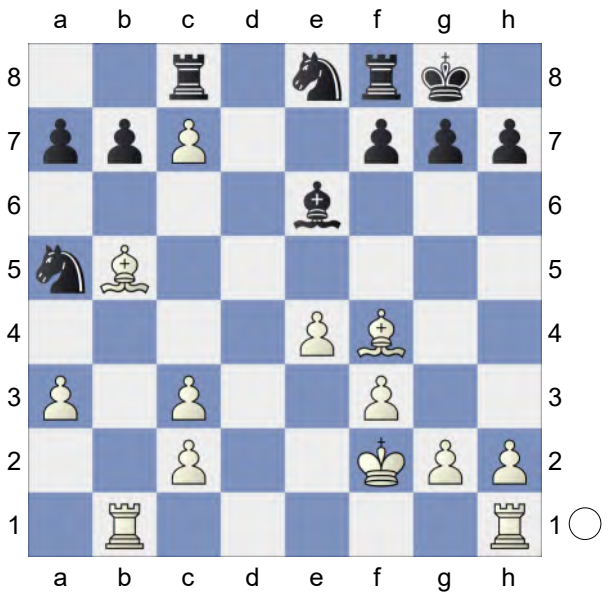
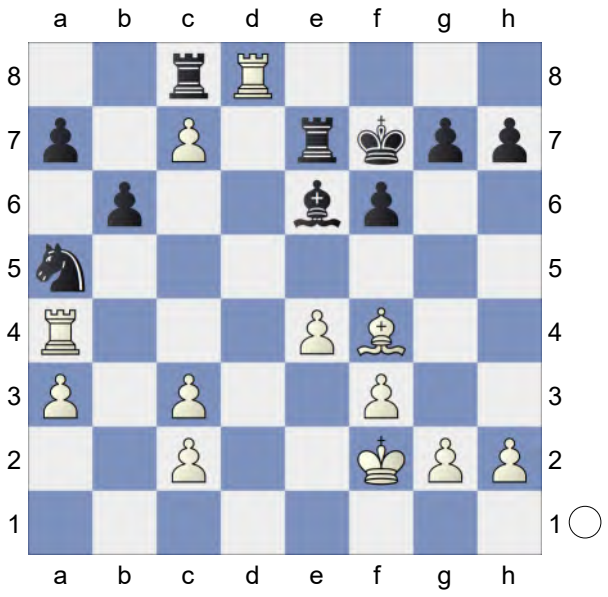


16.Bxe8 Rfxe8 17.Rb4 -2.11/22
[17.g4∓ -1.23/18]
17...f6-+ 18.Rd1 b6 19.Ra4 Re7 20.Rd8+ Kf7



21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Rd4 Rd7 23.h4
[23.Rxd7+ Bxd7 24.Bg3 b5=]
23...Ke6 24.Ke3 Nc6 25.Bg3 Ne5
[Don't take 25...Nxd4 26.cxd4 Rf7 27.d5+ Kd7 28.c4-+]

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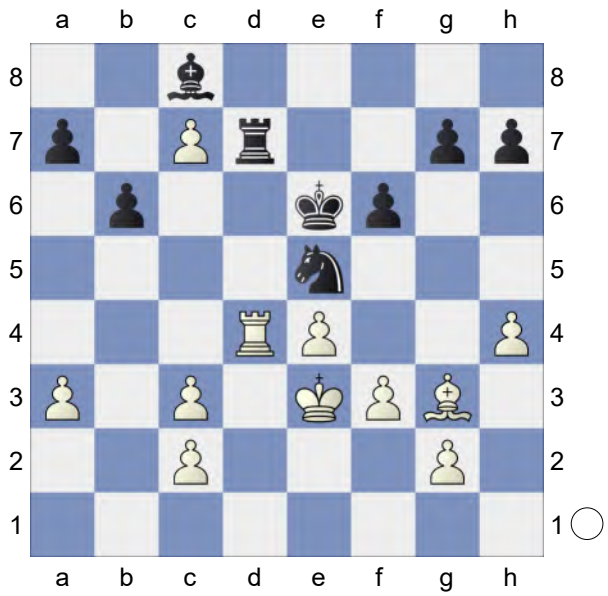
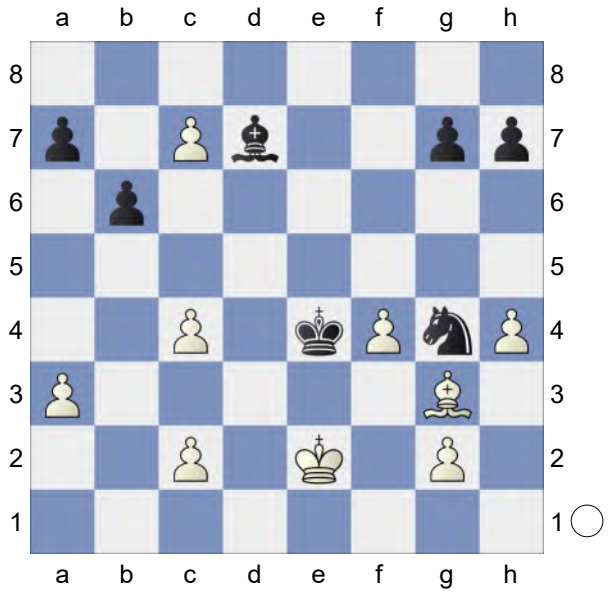


26.f4 Ng4+
[26...Rxd4 27.f5+ Kd7 28.Kxd4-+]
27.Ke2 f5
[27...Rxc7? is the wrong capture.
28.f5+ Ke7 29.Bxc7+-]
28.exf5+ Kxf5 29.Rxd7 Bxd7 30.c4 Ke4



31.Kd2 Ne3 Black is clearly winning.
32.Kc3 Nxg2 33.f5 Ne3
[33...Bxf5? 34.h5-+]
34.h5 Nxf5 35.Bf2 Nd6

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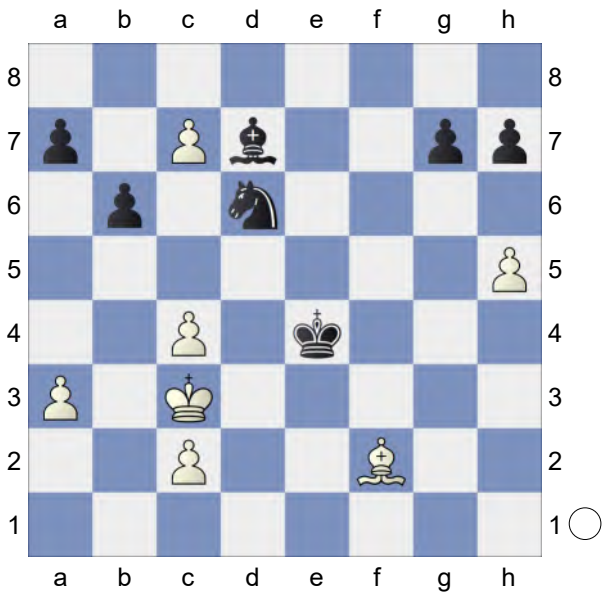
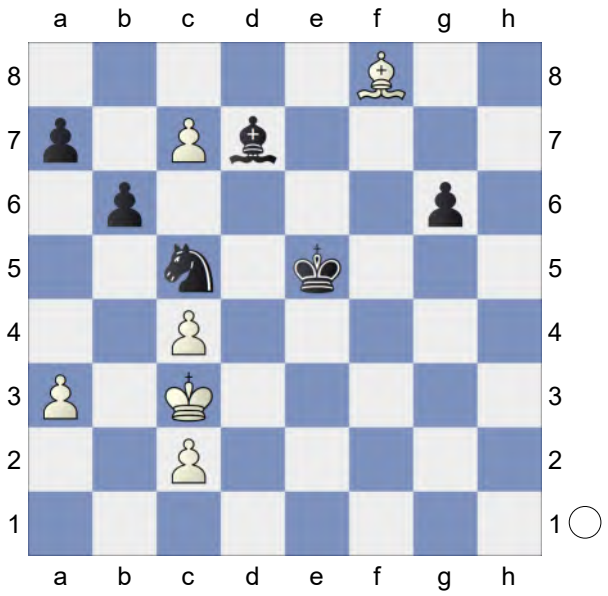


36.Bg3 Nb7 37.Bh2 Nc5 38.Bd6 g5 39.hxg6 hxg6 40.Bf8 Ke5



41.Be7 Bc8 42.Bh4 Kd6 43.Bg3+ Kc6 44.Bf4

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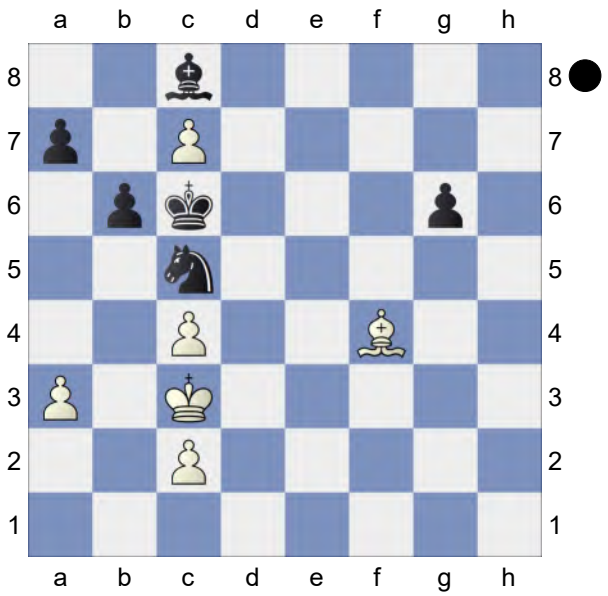
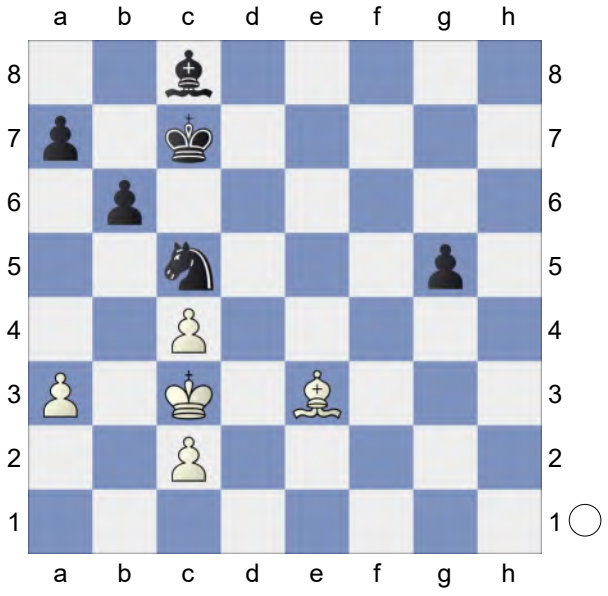


g5! Deflection **45.Be3**
[45.Bh2 Ne6]
45...Kxc7



46.Kd2 Kc6 47.Ke2 g4 48.Bh6 a5 49.Ke3 Nb7 50.c5 Kxc5

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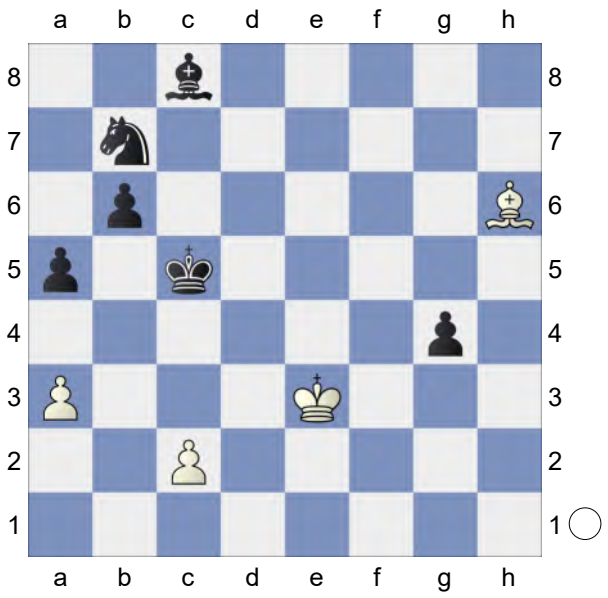
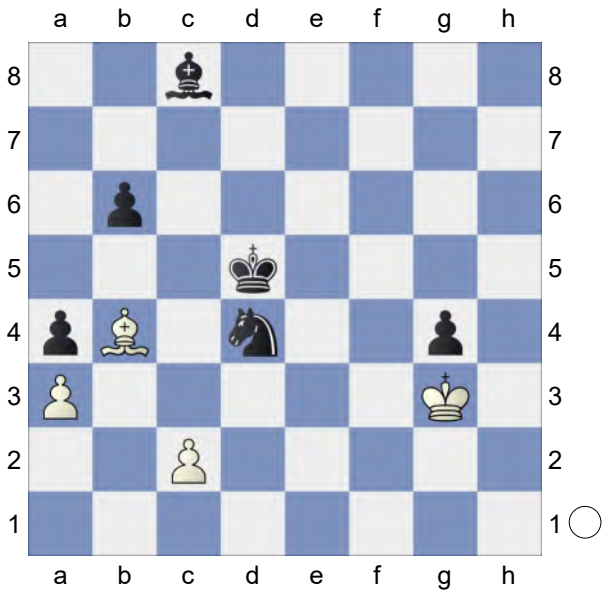


51.Ke2 Nd6 52.Bf8 a4 53.Kf2 Kd5 White must now prevent ...Nf5. **54.Kg3 Nb5 55.Bb4 Nd4**



56.c3 Nb5 57.Kf2 Kc4 58.Ke1 g3 59.Be7 g2 60.Kf2 Black took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.07 (flawless)
60...Bb7

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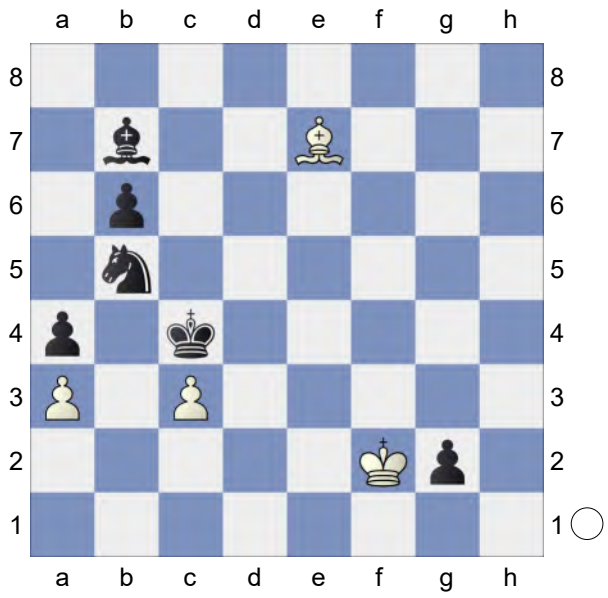

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15 **A40**
□ **Toodfish** **2617**
■ **ToromBot** **3011**
Blitz 22.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bf4
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bg4N
[4...f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 19.Nxb7 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz

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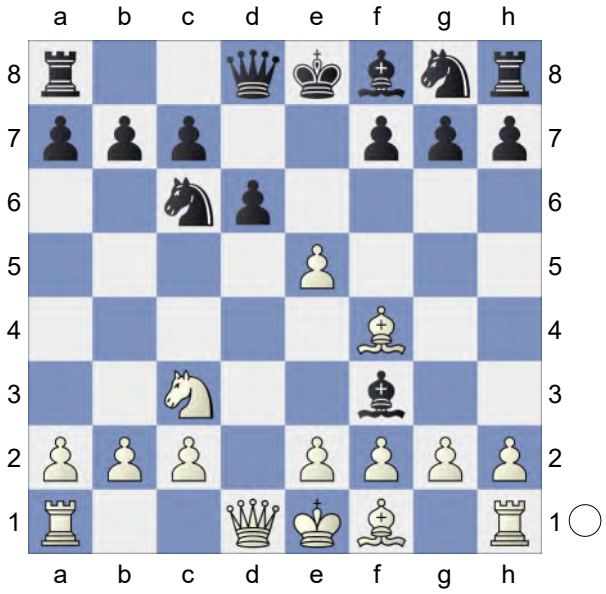
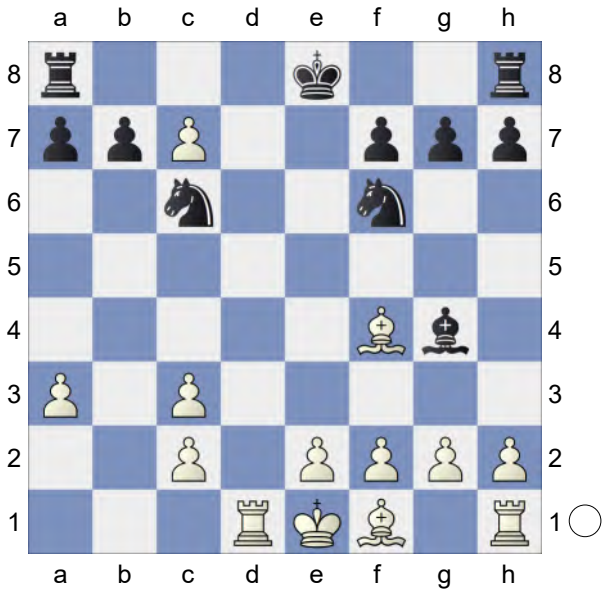
5.Nc3 Bxf3



6.exd6 -0.99/19

[6.exf3± 0.87/19 and life is bright. And now Bb5 would win. dxe5 7.Be3]

6...Bg4!∓ 7.dxc7 Qxd1+ 8.Rxd1 Black is better. **8...Bb4 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Nf6**



11.f3 Be6 12.e4 Repels Nd5 **12...0-0 13.Rb1 Na5 14.Rb5 b6 15.Rb4 Rfc8**

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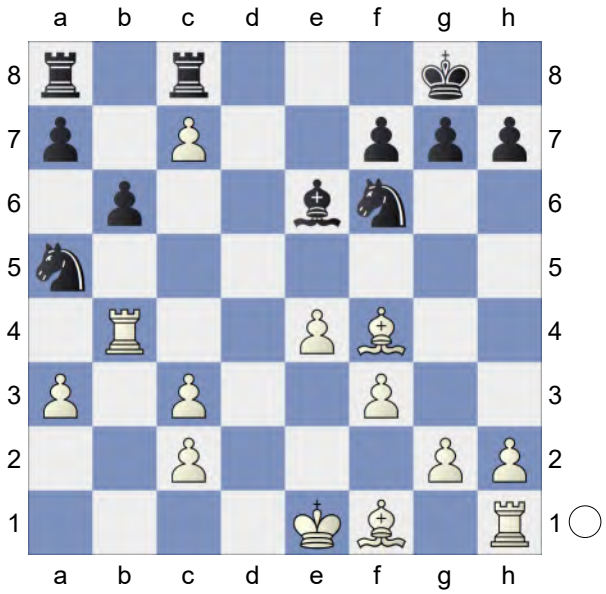
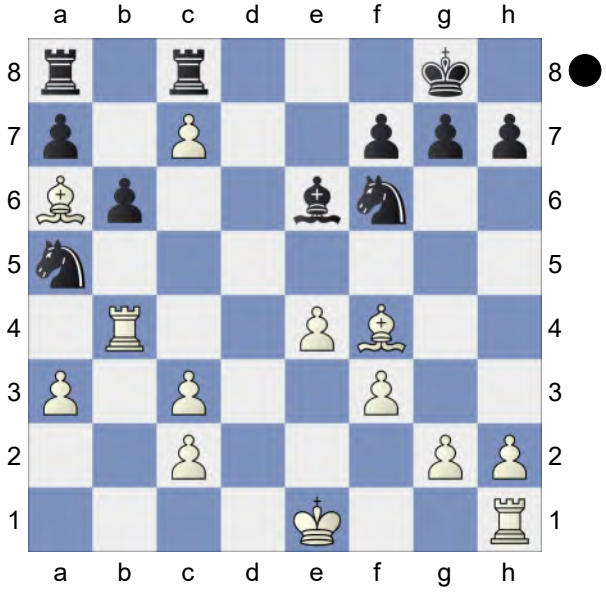


16.Ba6



Ne8! 17.Rd4

[17.Bxc8 Rxc8]

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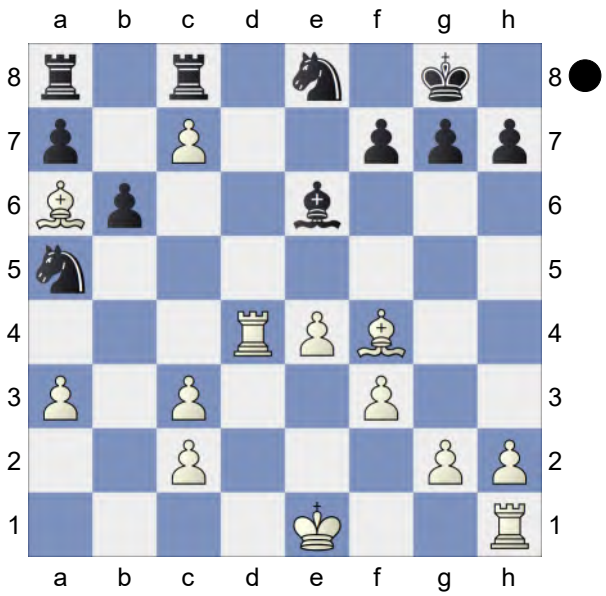
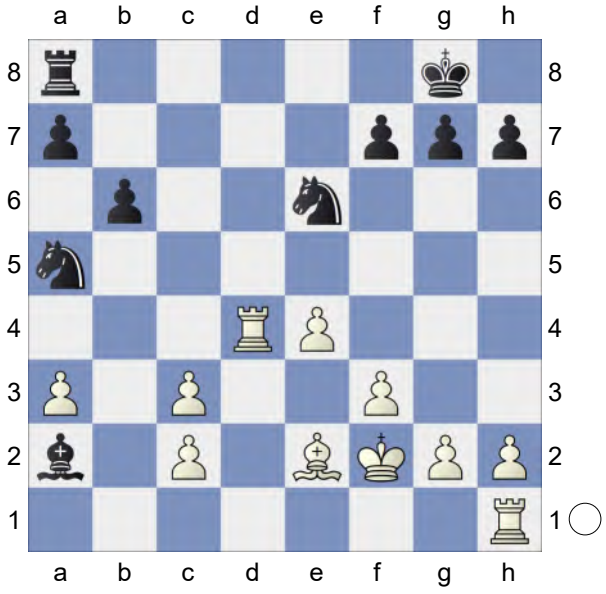


17...Rxc7
[Don't go for 17...Nxc7? 18.Bxc8 Rxc8 19.Bxc7±]
18.Bxc7 Nxc7 19.Be2 Ba2 20.Kf2 Ne6



21.Rd7 -1.42/24
[⌓21.Ra4 -0.91/22 Nc5 22.Rd4]
21...Bc4 22.Bxc4 Nxc4 23.a4 Kf8
Black has strong compensation.
24.Rhd1 Nb2 25.Ra1 Ke8

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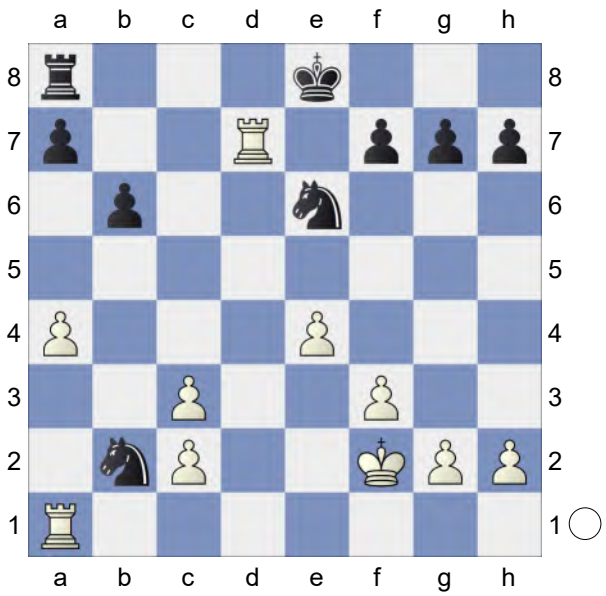
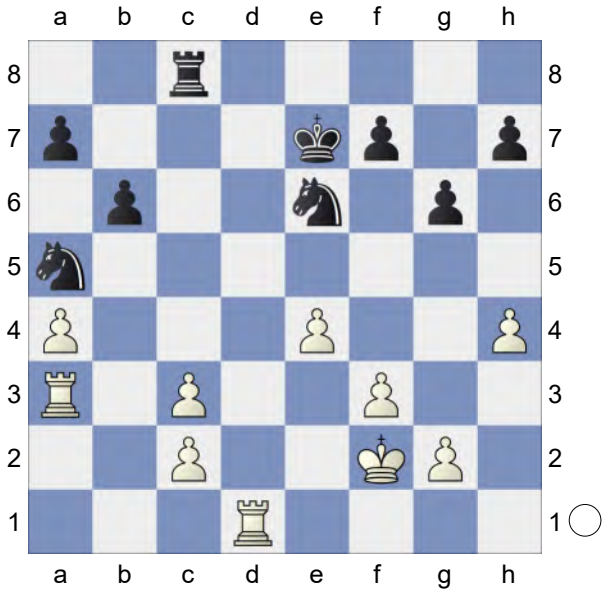


26.Rd5 Nc4 27.Rd3 Rc8 28.Rdd1 Na5 29.Ra3 g6 30.h4 Ke7



31.Rd5 Rc6 32.g3 Nc4 33.Ra1 a5 34.Ke2 h6 35.Kf2 Nc5

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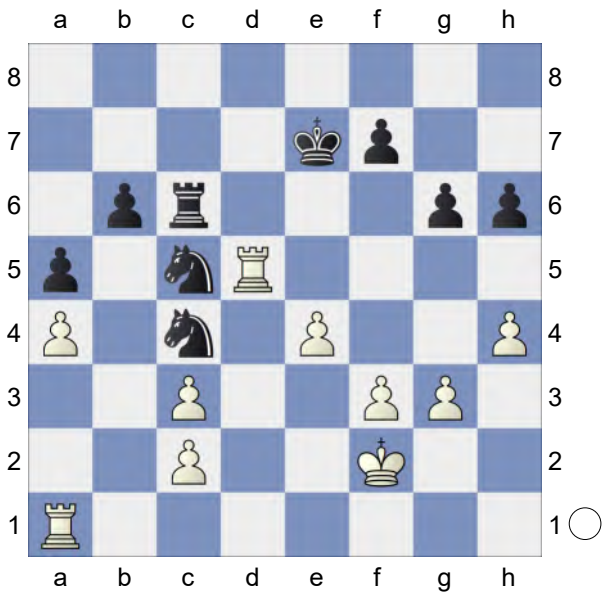
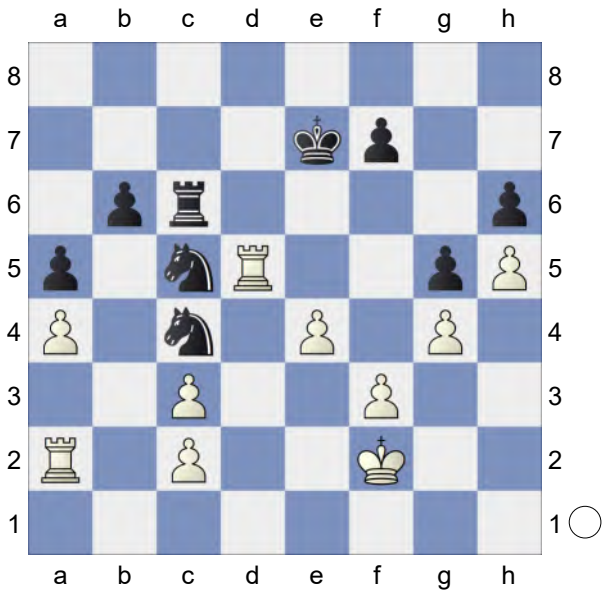


36.Ra2 Ne6 37.Ra1 Nc5 38.Ra2 Rc7 39.g4 -2.58/20
[39.Rd4∓ -1.50/18 Nd6 40.Ke2]
39...Rc6-+ 40.h5 g5



41.Kg3 Ne6 42.Rd1 Nf4 43.Kf2 Wards off Ne2 **43...Rf6 44.Raa1 Ne5 45.Rf1 Rc6**

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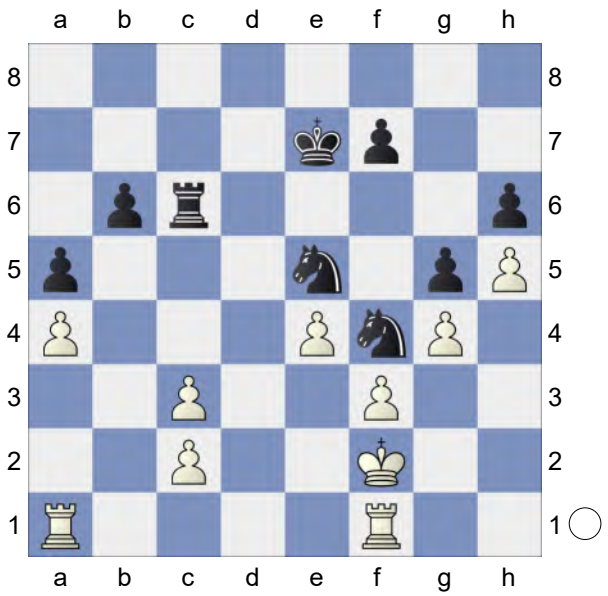
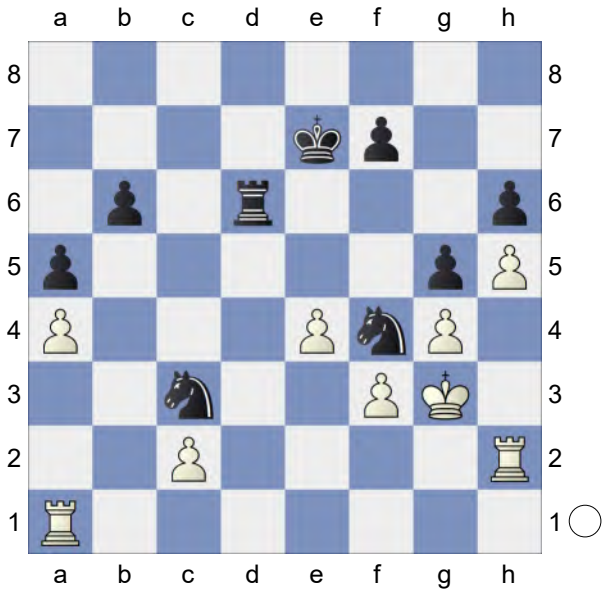


46.Ra3 Rd6 Prevents Rd1. **47.Kg3 Nc4 48.Raa1 Ne3** Wards off Rfd1. Excellent horsemanship. **49.Rf2 Nd1**
[Don't take 49...Nc4 50.Rb1-+]
50.Rh2 Nxc3



51.Ra3 Rc6 52.Kf2 Rc4 53.Rb3 Nxa4 54.Kf1 Rc6 55.Ke1 Ne6

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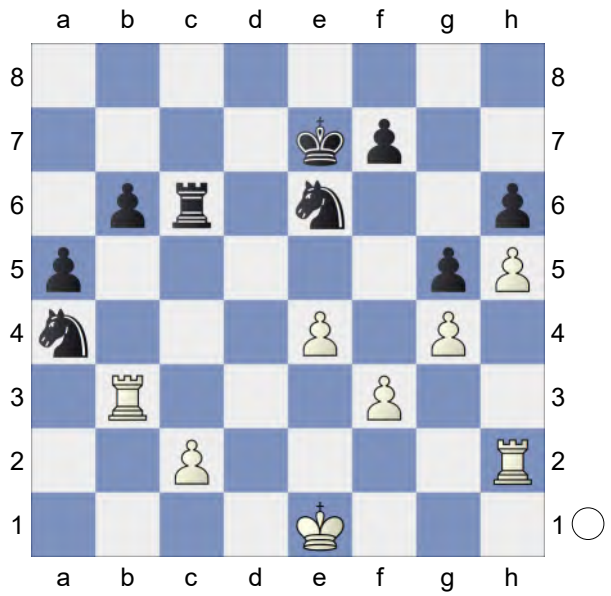
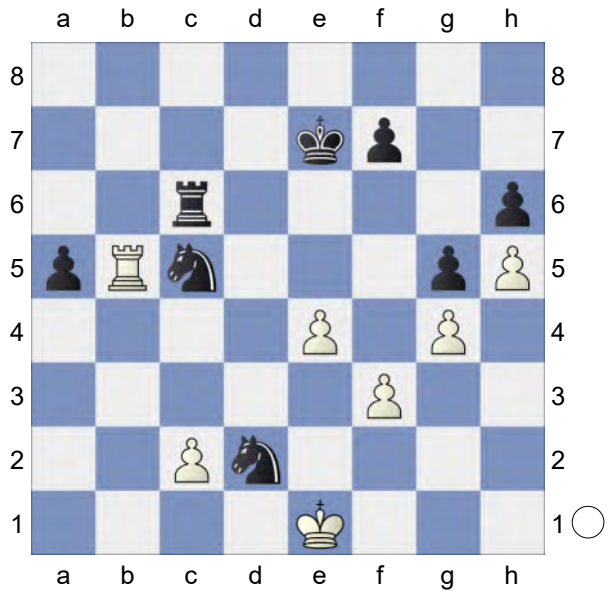
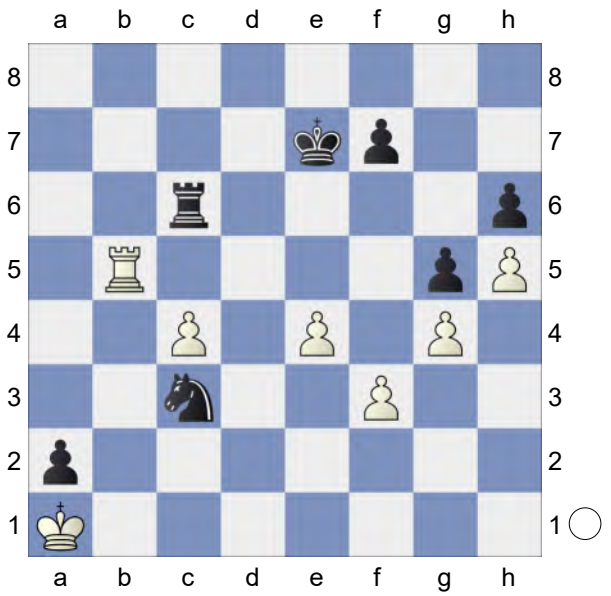


56.Rd2 Nec5 57.Ra3 Nb2 58.Rc3 b5
Black is clearly winning. **59.Rb3** -6.66/20
[⌓59.f4 -4.75/16 gxf4 60.Rd5]
59...Nc4 60.Rxb5 Nxd2

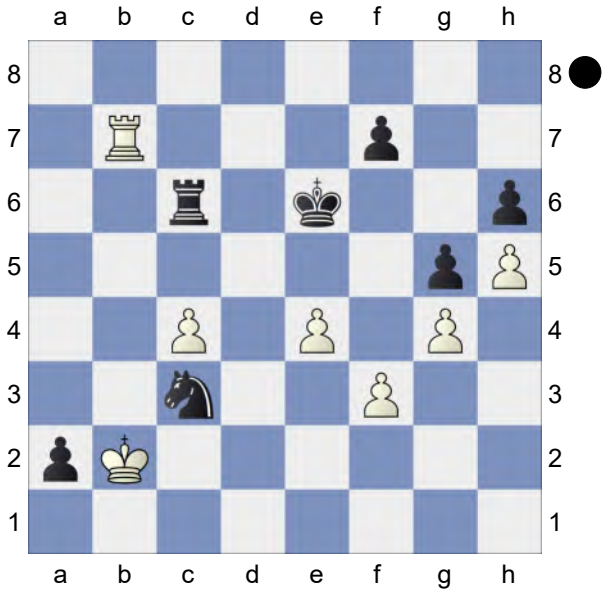


61.Kxd2 Endgame KRN-KR **61...a4**
62.c4 -9.75/19
[⌓62.Kc1 -5.14/17]
62...a3 63.Kc2 a2 64.Kb2 Na4+
65.Ka1 Nc3

(Diagram)

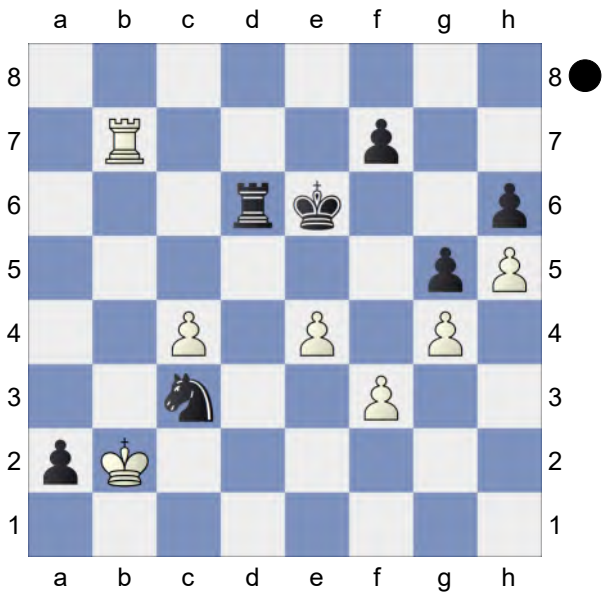


66.Rb7+ Ke6 67.Kb2

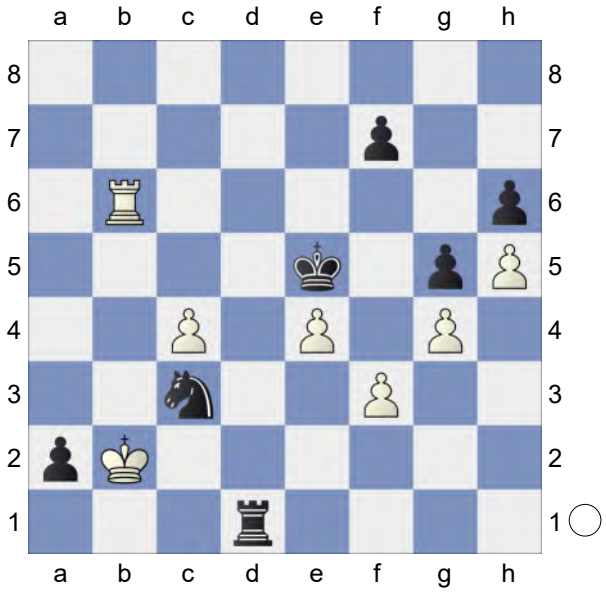


Ra6! 68.Ka1 Rd6 (-> ...Rd1+) **69.Kb2**

(Diagram)



Rd1! 70.Rb6+
[70.Ra7 Rb1+]
70...Ke5



71.Ra6 Rb1+ 72.Kxc3 a1Q+ 73.Rxa1 Rxa1 74.Kb4 Rc1 aiming for ...Kd4.
75.Kc5 Rxc4+

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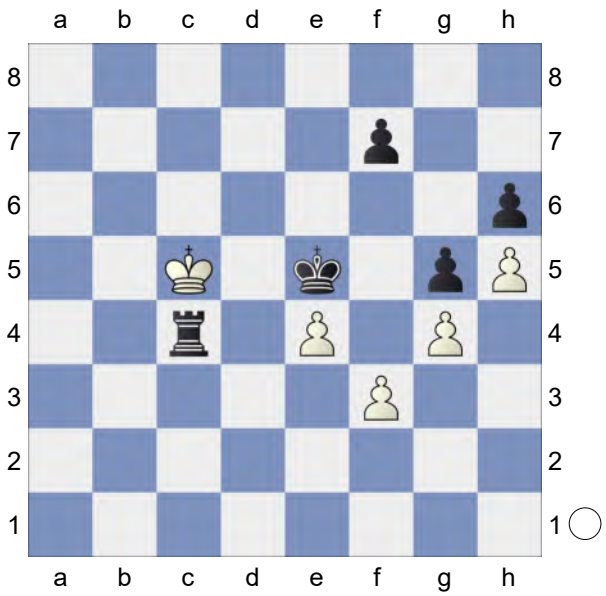
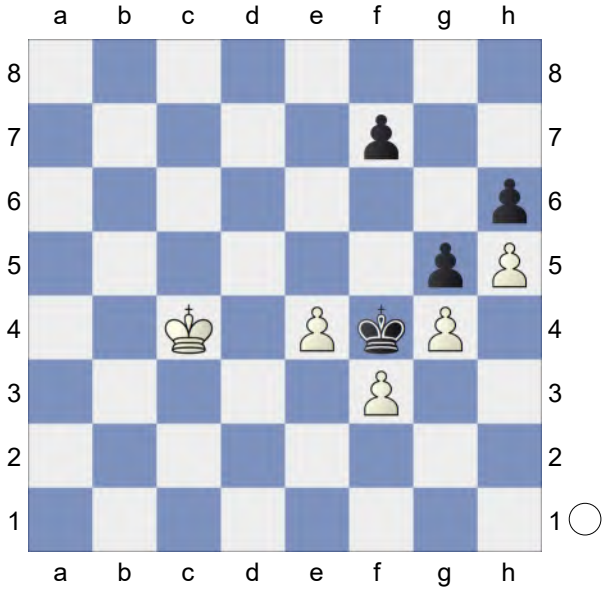


76.Kxc4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
76...Kf4



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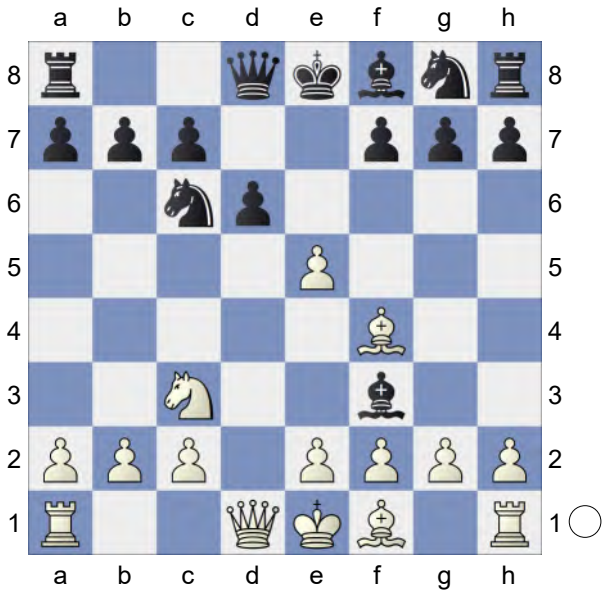
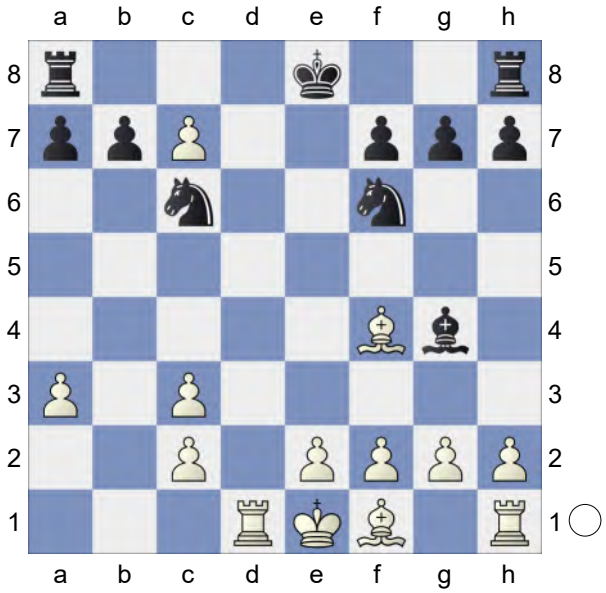
16 **A40**
□ **toodfish** **2610**
■ **raspfish** **3019**
Blitz 22.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

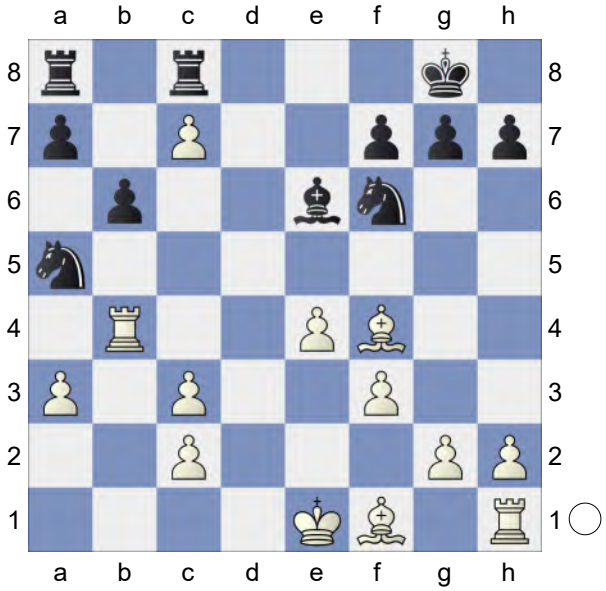
Blitz 3min+1sec
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bf4
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bg4N
[4...f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 19.Nxb7 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]
5.Nc3 Bxf3



6.exd6 -0.97/20
[6.exf3± 0.72/21 keeps the pressure on. aiming for Bb5. dxe5 7.Qe2]
6...Bg4!∓ 7.dxc7 Qxd1+ 8.Rxd1 Black is better. **8...Bb4 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Nf6**



11.f3 Be6 12.e4 Dodges Nd5 **12...0-0! 13.Rb1 Na5 14.Rb5 b6 15.Rb4 Rfc8**



16.Ba6

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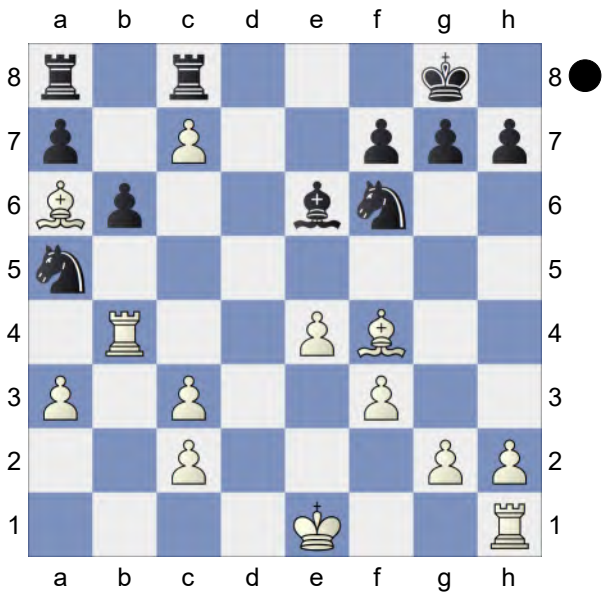
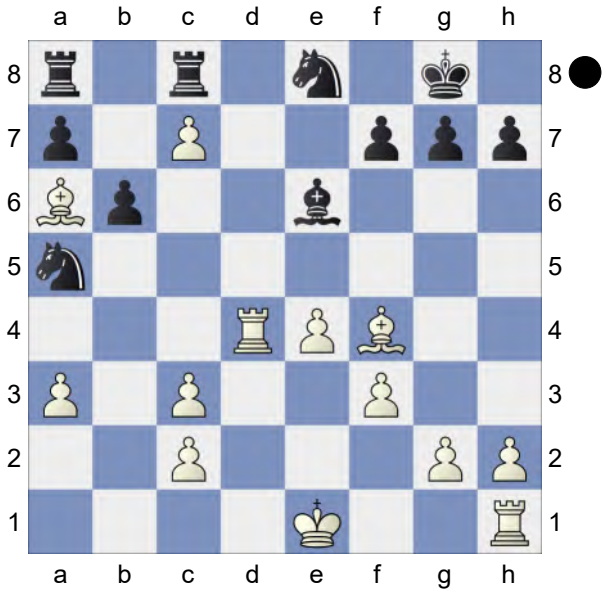


Ne8! 17.Rd4

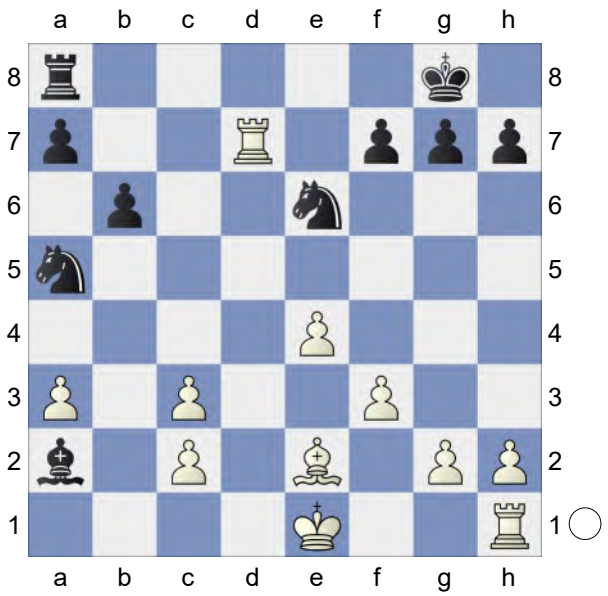


Rxc7

[17...Nxc7 18.Bxc8 Rxc8 19.Bxc7±]

18.Bxc7 Nxc7 19.Be2 Ba2 20.Rd7 Ne6

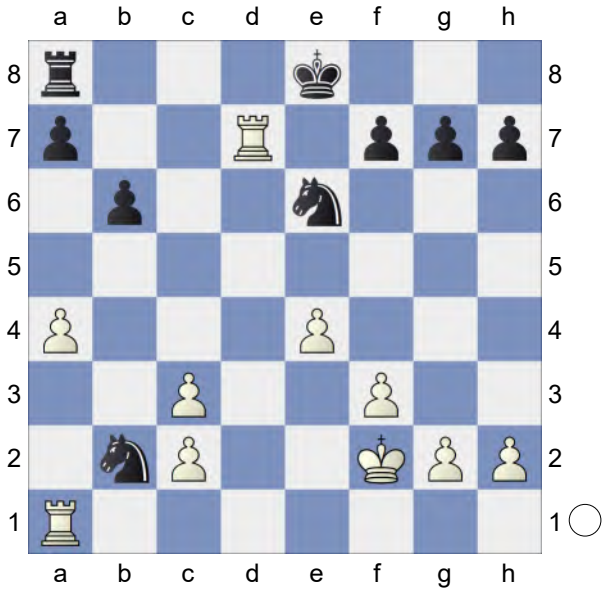
(Diagram)



21.Kf2 Bc4 22.Bxc4 Nxc4 23.a4 Kf8

Black has strong compensation.

24.Rhd1 Nb2 25.Ra1 Ke8



26.Rd5 Nc4 27.h4 Rc8 28.Rdd1 Na5 29.Ra3 Nc4 30.Raa1 Na5

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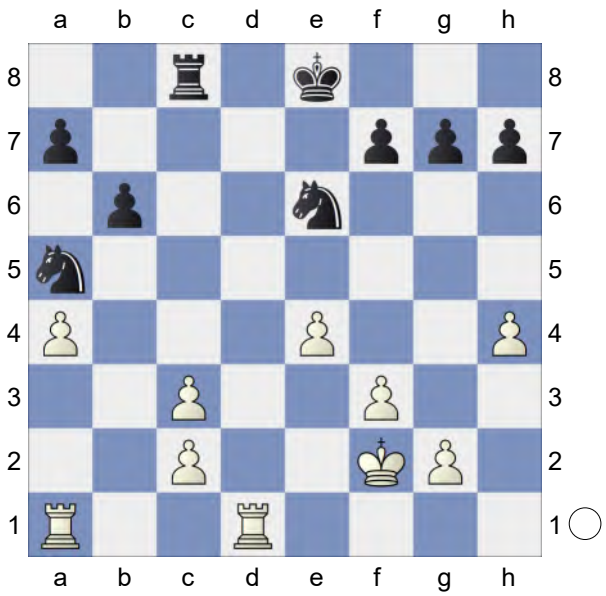
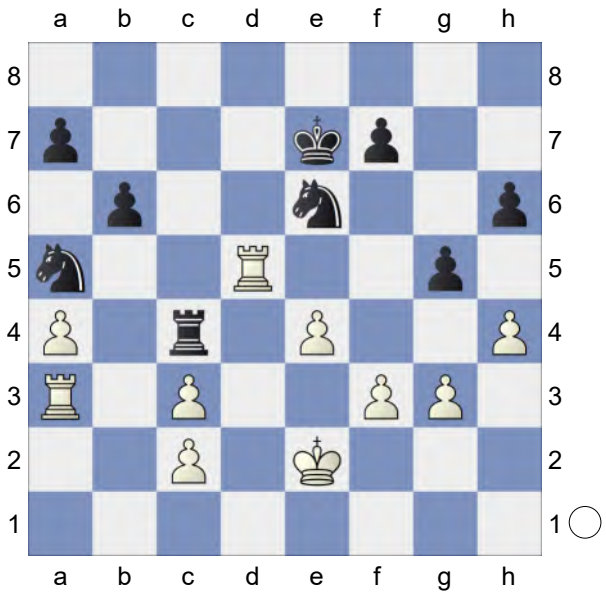
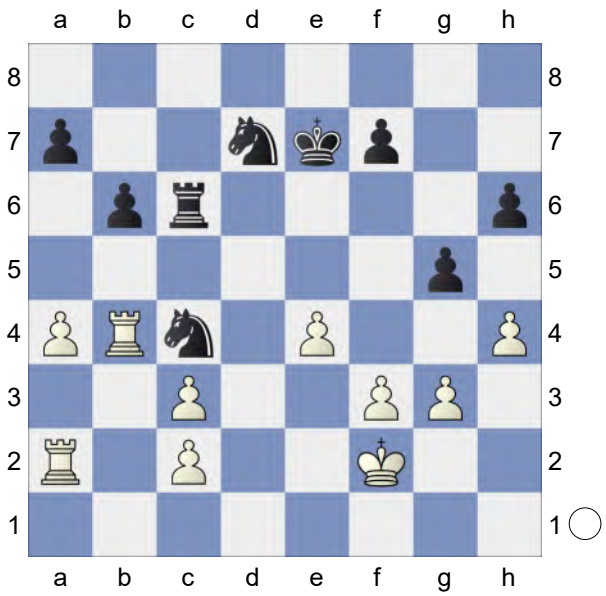


31.Ra3 Rc4 32.g3 g6 33.Ke2 Ke7 34.Rd3 h6 35.Rd5 g5



36.Ke3 Rc8 37.Kf2 Rc6 38.Rb5 Nc4 39.Ra2 Nc5 40.Rb4 Nd7

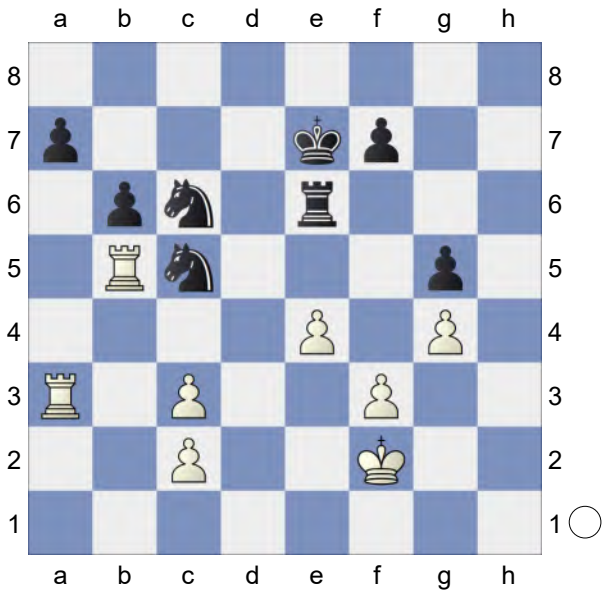
(Diagram)



A dynamic duo of knights. **41.hxg5 hxg5 42.a5 Nxa5**

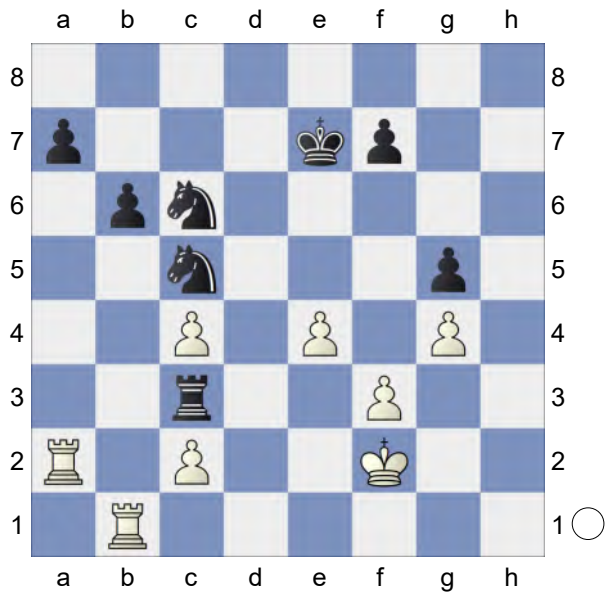
[Weaker is 42...bxa5 43.Rb7-+]

43.Ra3 Re6 44.g4 Nc6 45.Rb5 Nc5

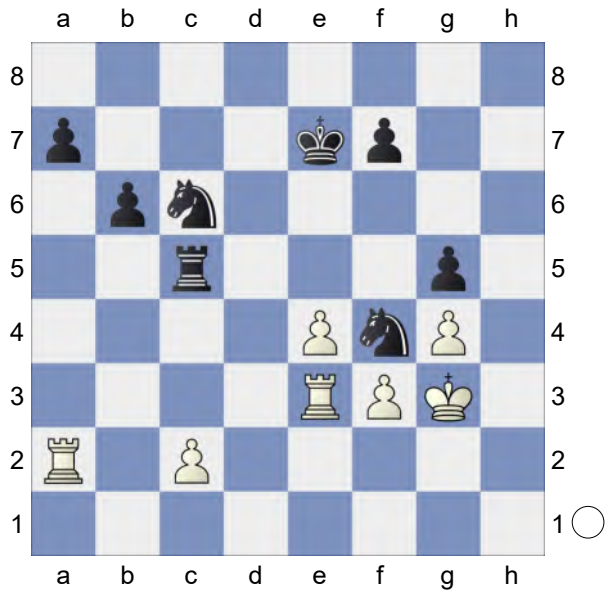


46.Rb1 Rd6 47.Ra2 Rd2+ 48.Kg3 Re2 49.c4 Re3 50.Kf2 Rc3

(Diagram)



51.Rb5 Rxc4 52.Rb1 Rc3 53.Re1 Ne6 Black is clearly winning. **54.Re3 Rc5 55.Kg3 Nf4**



56.Rea3 a5 57.c3 b5 58.Kf2 a4 59.Ra1 Na5 60.Rb1 Kd7

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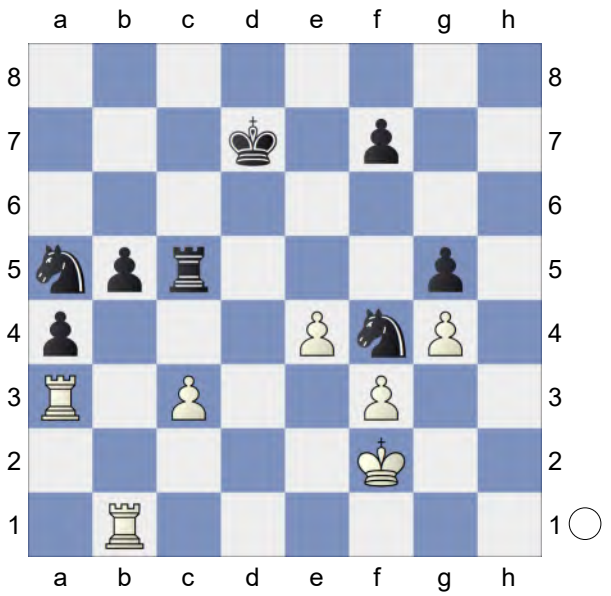
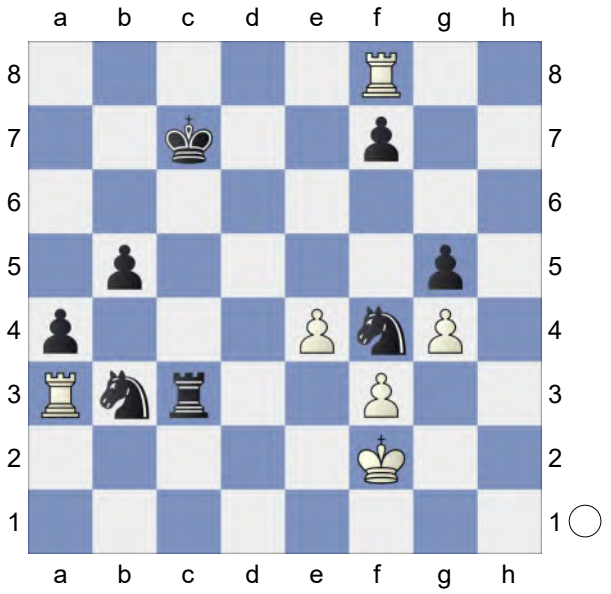


61.Rd1+ Kc7 62.Rb1 Kc6 63.Rd1 Nb3 64.Rd8 Kc7 Inhibits Rb8.

[Stronger than 64...Rxc3 65.Rc8+ Kb6 66.Rxc3±]

65.Rf8 Rxc3



66.Rxf7+ Kb6 67.Ra2 Nd4 68.Rd7 Rxf3+ 69.Ke1 Kc5 70.Rc7+ Kb4

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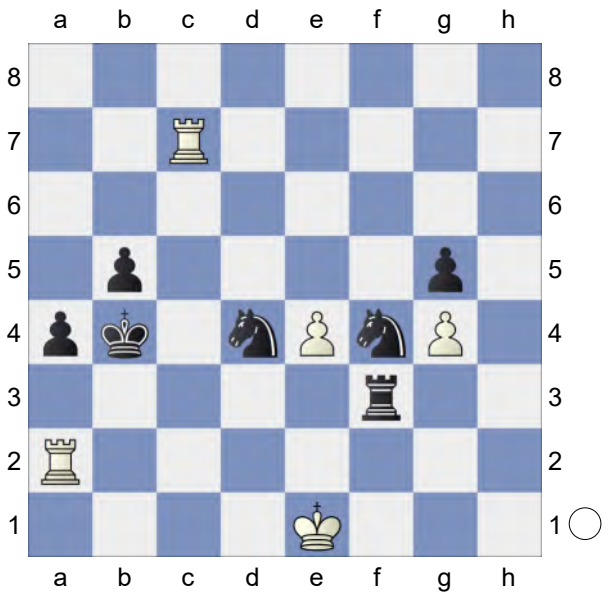
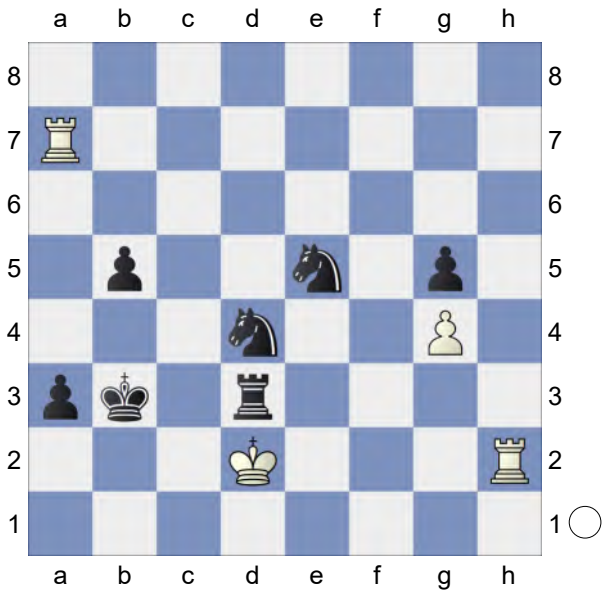


71.e5 Kb3 72.Rh2 a3 73.Rb7 Nd3+ 74.Kd2 Nxe5 Threatens to win with ... Rd3+. **75.Ra7 Rd3+**



76.Kc1 White got outplayed after the opening.
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76...Nef3

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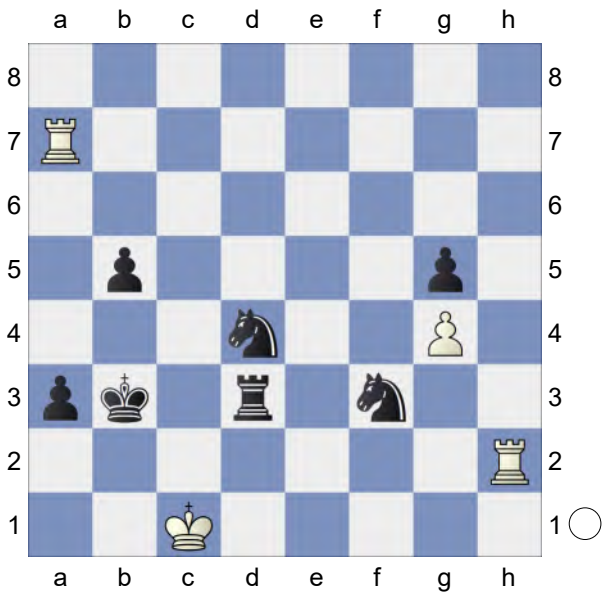

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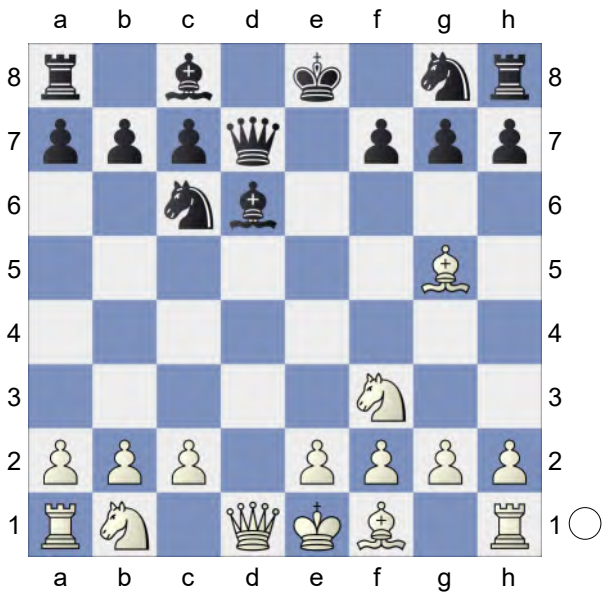
17 **A40**
□ **caissa-x** **3005**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2865**
Blitz 21.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

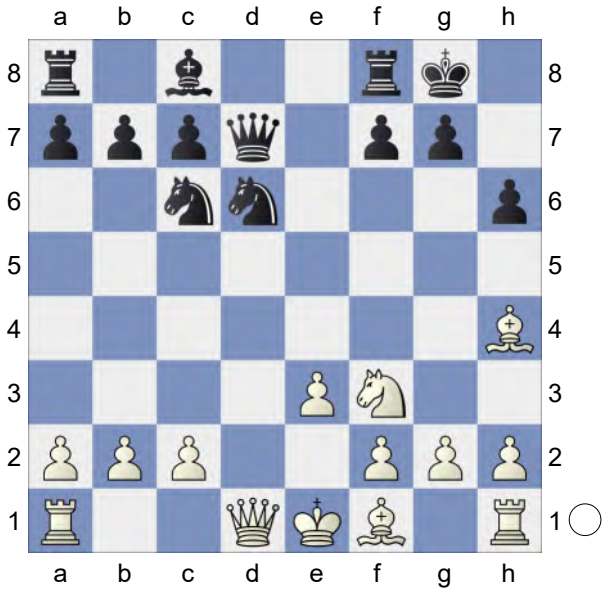
Blitz 3min+1sec
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6



6.Nc3 h6 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.Nb5 White is clearly better. **8...Nf5 9.Nxd6+ Nxd6 10.e3N**

[10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Qxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Rhe8 15.e3 Ne5 16.f3 f5 17.e4 Re7 18.Re1 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rde8 20.Bd3 Nxd3+ 21.cxd3 Be6 22.a3 Bf7 23.Kd2 Re6 24.Nc3 Rxe1 1-0 (69) The Magnificent Bob (2994)-Hoon (2842) Rapid 2024]

10...0-0



11.c3 Ne7 12.Bg3 White is more active. **12...Nef5 13.Bf4 g5 14.Bxd6 Nxd6 15.Bd3 Re8**

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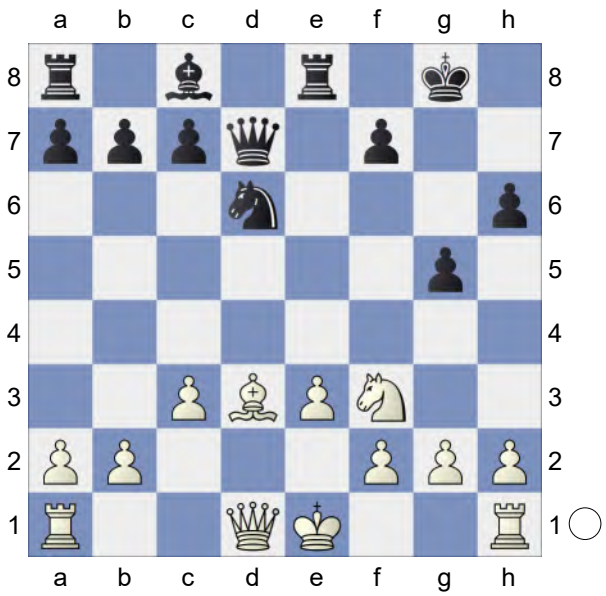


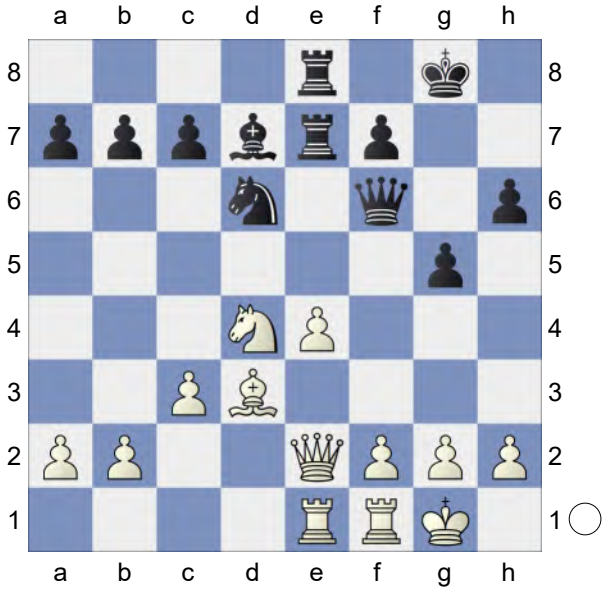
16.Qe2 Qe6 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Rae1 1.08/18

[⌓18.Nd4 1.58/20 Qf6 19.c4]

18...Re7 1.63/21

[18...Qxa2± 1.08/18 19.e4 f5]

19.e4+- Rae8 20.Nd4 Qf6



21.f3 a5 22.Qd2 Qg7 23.Nc2 a4 24.a3 Qe5 25.Qf2 Be6

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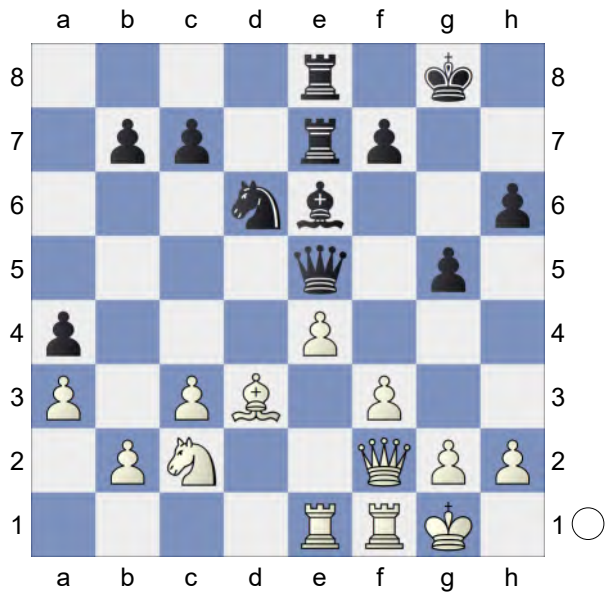
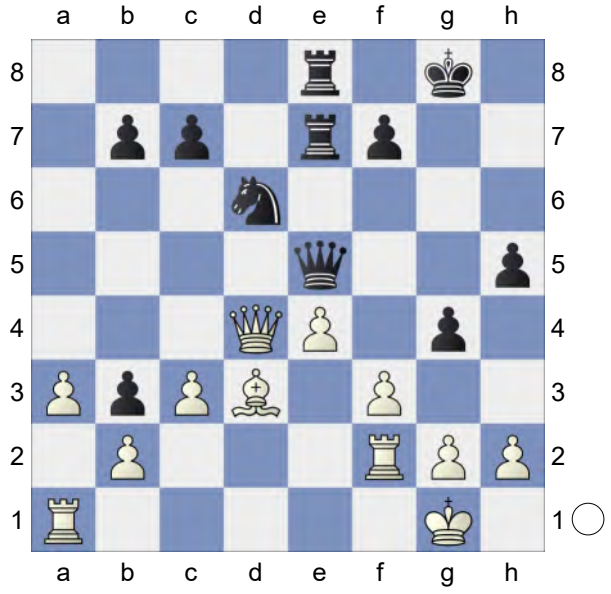


26.Nd4 Ba2 27.Ra1 Bb3 28.Nxb3 axb3 29.Qd4 g4 30.Rf2
[30.fxg4 Nxe4 *(30...Qxd4+ 31.cxd4 Nxe4 32.Rae1±)* 31.Qxe5 Rxe5±]
30...h5



31.Qxe5 Rxe5 32.Re2 Rd8 33.Kf2 Kf8 34.f4 Rc5 35.e5 Nc4

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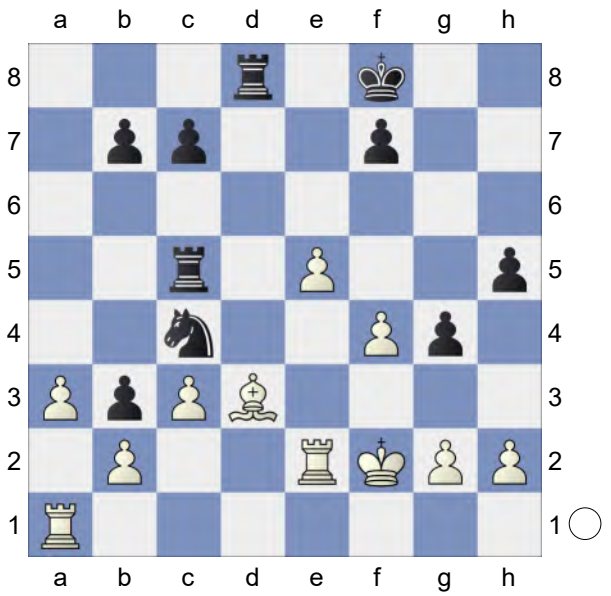
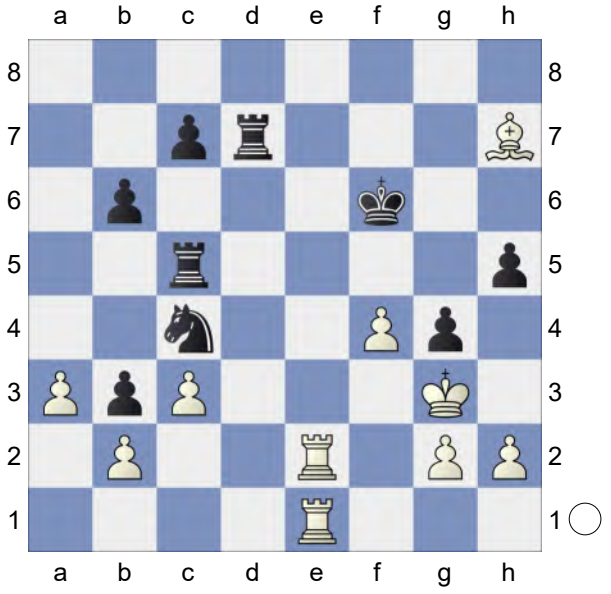


36.Be4 b6 37.Rae1 f6 38.exf6 Kf7 2.30/22 Dodges Bg6+
[⌓38...Rd6 1.63/20 39.Bg6 Rxf6]
39.Kg3 Kxf6 40.Bh7
[40.h3 gxh3 41.Kxh3 Re8]
40...Rd7



41.Bg8 Kg7 3.25/22
[41...Rd8 1.87/21 is a better defense.]
42.Be6 Rd3+ 43.Kh4 Nd6 44.Bxb3 Nf5+ 45.Kxh5 Threatens to win with Re5!. **45...Re3**

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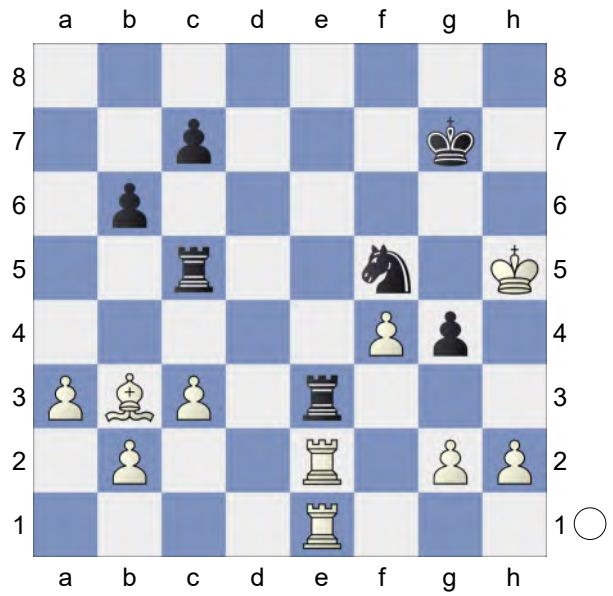
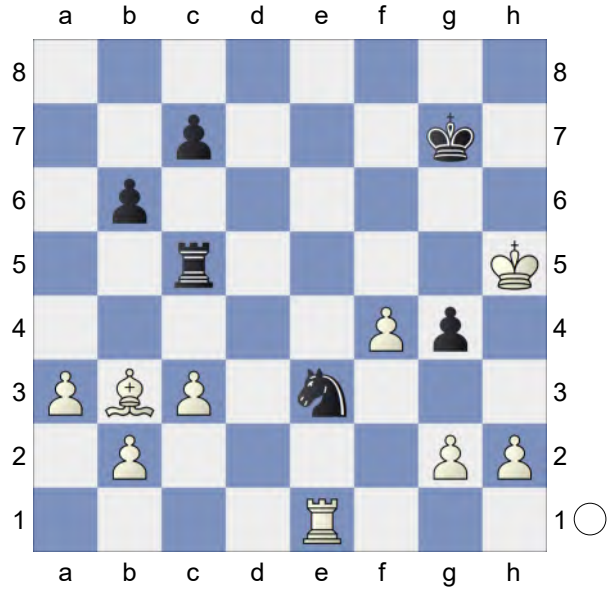


46.Rxe3

[Stronger than 46.Kxg4 Nh6+ 47.Kh4 Nf5+ 48.Kg4 Nh6+ 49.Kh4 Nf5+ 50.Kg4=]

46...Nxe3+ Endgame



KRB-KRN. White is 3 pawns up. **47.f5! Rxf5+ 48.Kh4 Re5 49.Kg3 Nf5+ 50.Kf2! Rb5**

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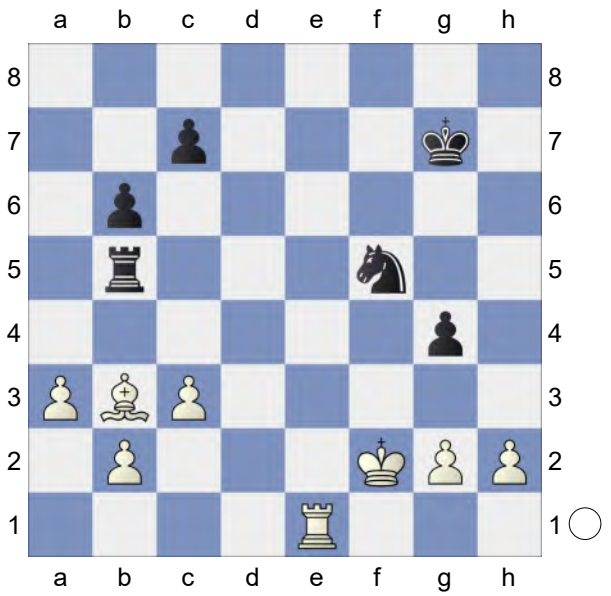


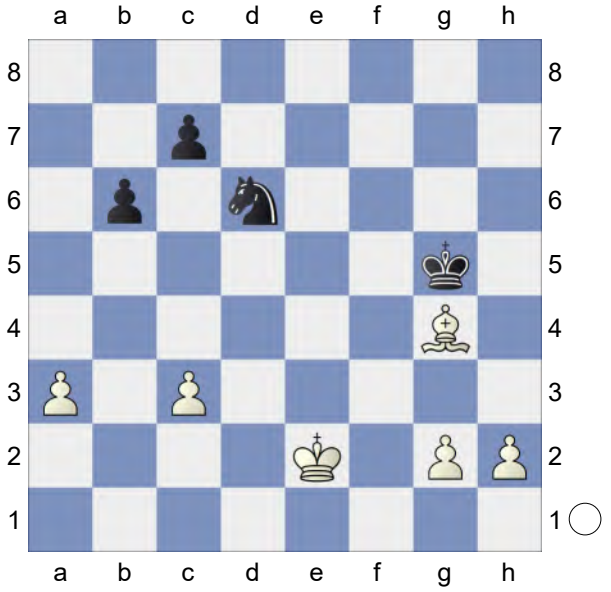
51.Bc4 Rxb2+ 52.Re2 Rxe2+

White is clearly winning. **53.Bxe2**

KB-KN. White is a pawn up.

[Not 53.Kxe2 Kf6 54.Bd3 Ng7+-]

53...Kh6 54.Bxg4 Nd6 55.Ke2 Kg5



56.Bf3 Nc4 57.a4 Kf4 58.g3+ Ke5 59.Bc6 Kf5 60.Bd5 Ne5

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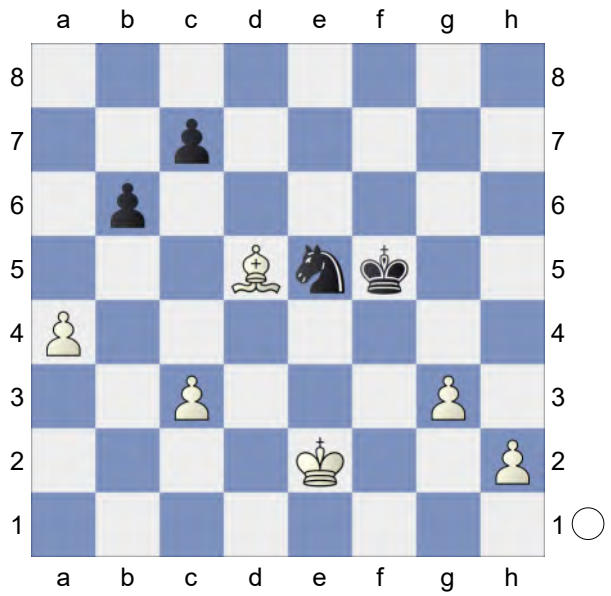
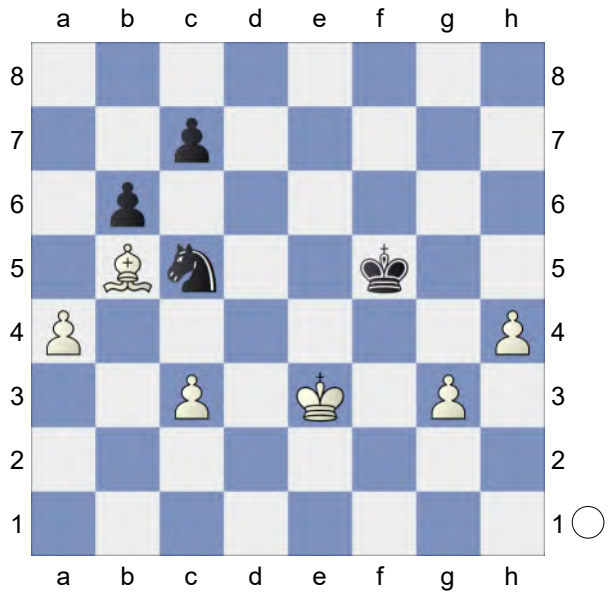


61.h3 Nd7 62.Ke3 Nc5 63.Bc6 Kg5 64.h4+ Kg4 65.Bb5 Kf5



66.Kf3 Ke5 67.g4 Ne6 68.g5 Nf4 69.Kg4 Ke4 70.h5 Nd5

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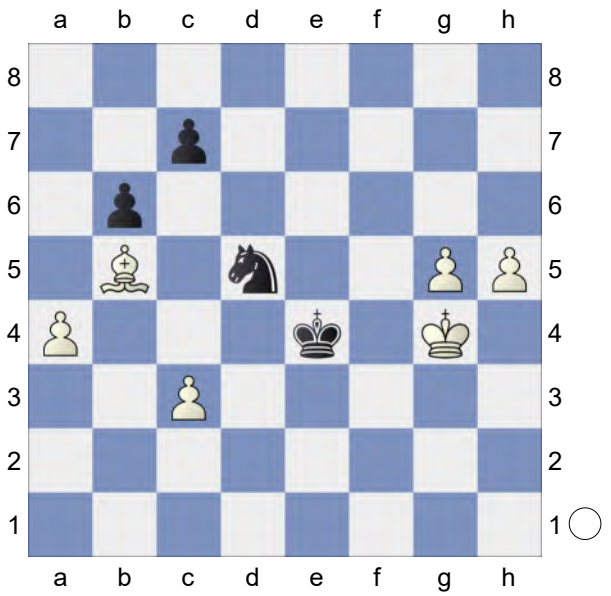
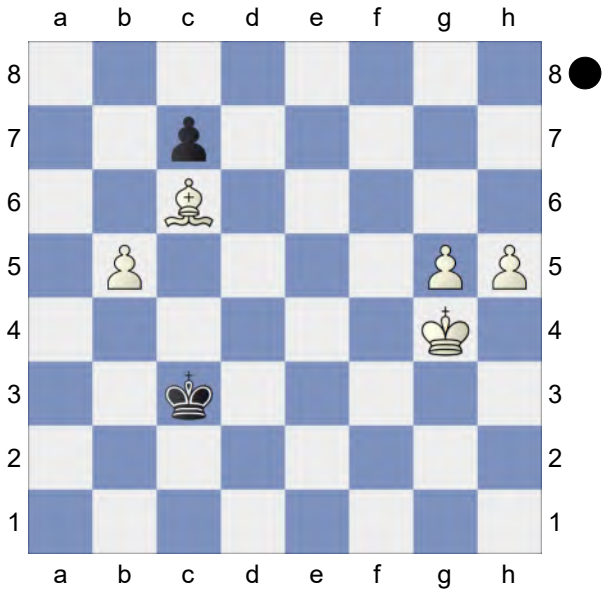


71.Bc6 Kd3 72.Bxd5 b5 73.axb5 Threatening mate with h6. **73...Kxc3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.19 (very precise) **74.Bc6**



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18 **A40**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **2998**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2886**
Rapid 15.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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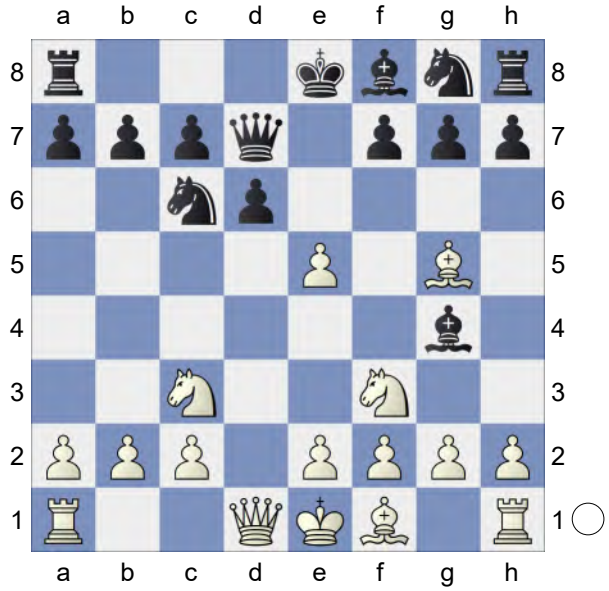
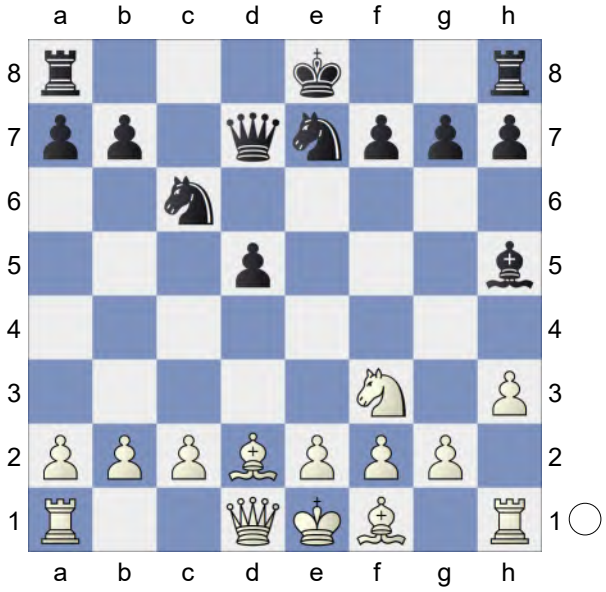
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4.Bg5 Qd7 5.Nc3 Nc6



6.exd6N
[6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 20.exf4 Ne7 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]
6...Bxd6 7.Nb5 Nge7 8.Nxd6+ White is clearly better. **8...cxd6 9.Bd2** 1.35/19
[9.c3+- 1.80/19]
9...d5± 10.h3 Bh5



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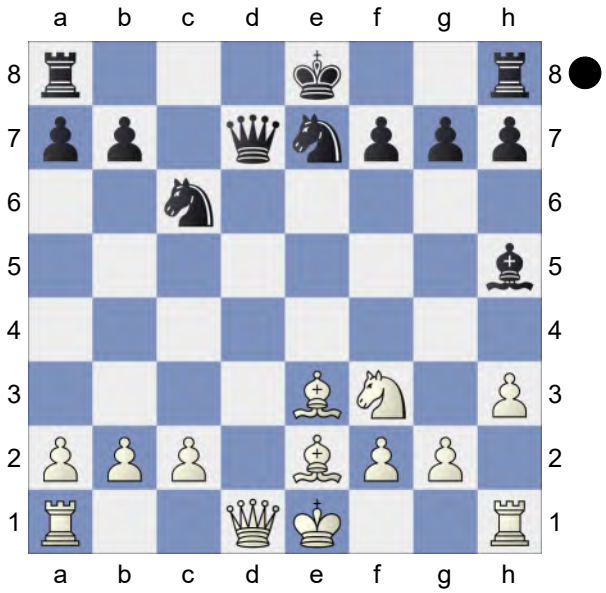

Qe6 1.71/21
[13...Nd5± 1.26/17]
14.0-0+- Rd8 Strongly threatening ... Bxf3!. **15.Qc1 Qc8**
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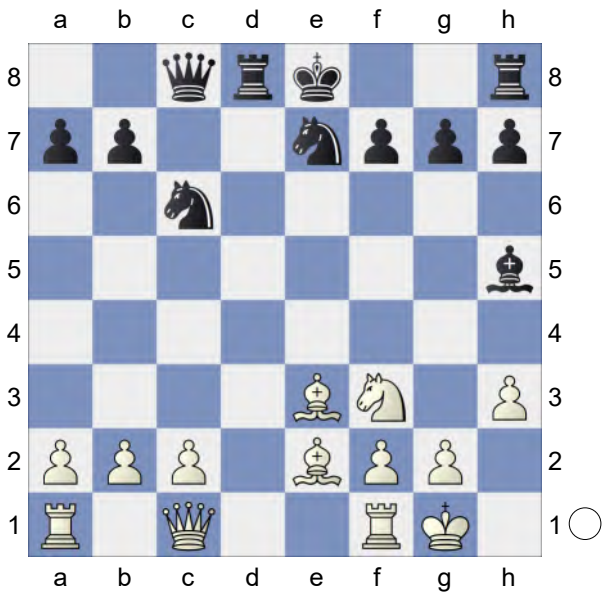
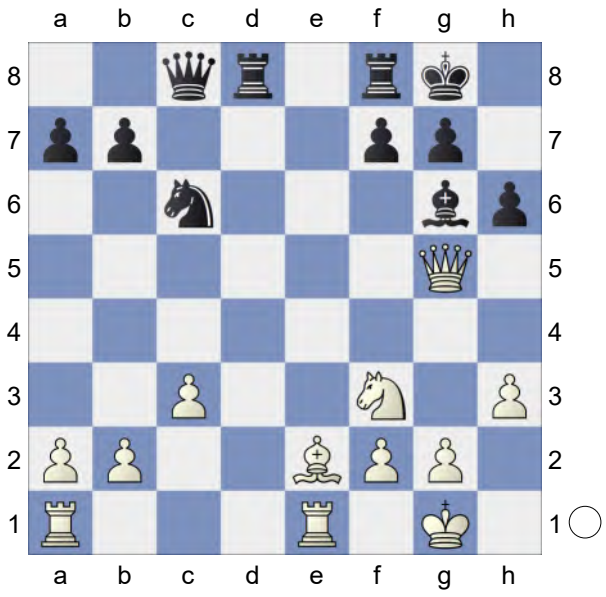


16.Bc5 A strong pair of Bishops. **16...0-0 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Qg5 Bg6 19.Rfe1**
[19.Qxe7?! Rfe8 20.Qa3 Rxe2±]
19...Nc6 20.c3 h6



21.Qf4 a6 22.Rad1 Rfe8 23.Rxd8 Qxd8 24.Qd2 Qc7 25.Bd1 Rd8

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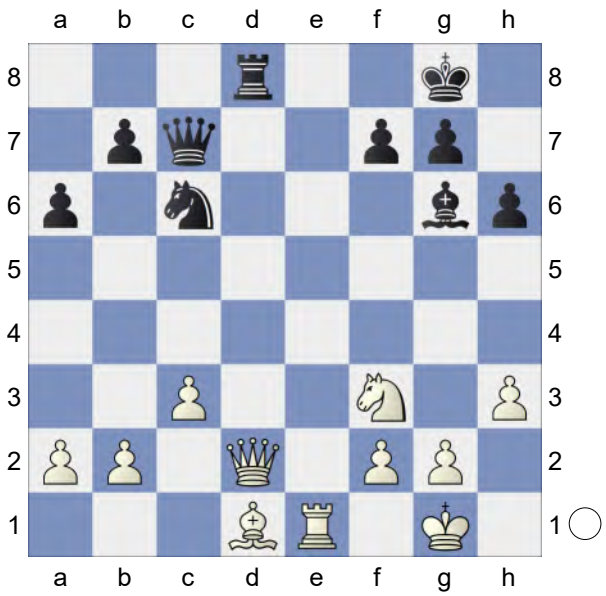
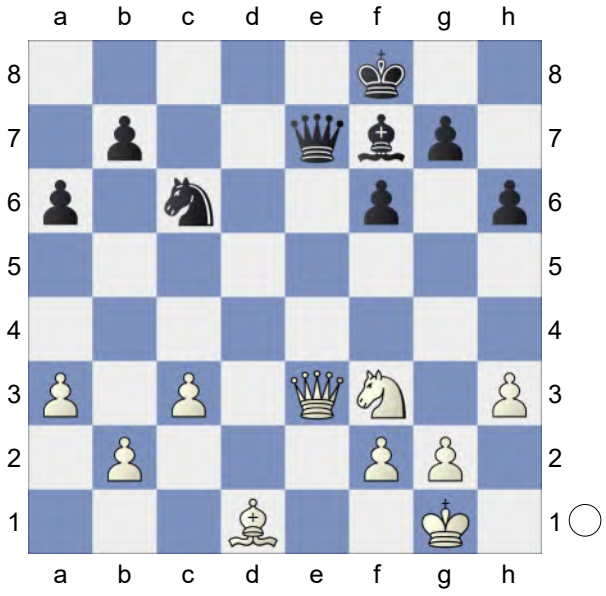


26.Qe3 f6 27.a3 Bf7 28.Bc2 Kf8 29.Rd1 Rxd1+ 30.Bxd1 Qe7



31.Qd3 g6 32.h4 Qe6 33.b4 g5 34.a4
[34.Qh7 g4 35.Qxh6+ Ke7±]
34...Qc4 35.Qd2 Kg7

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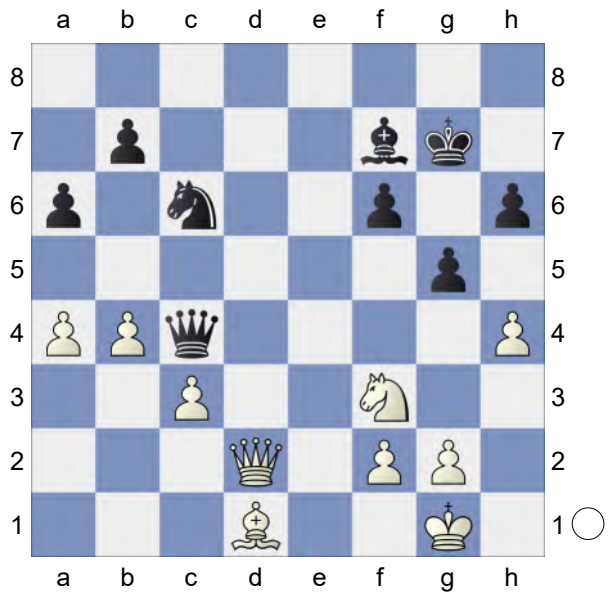
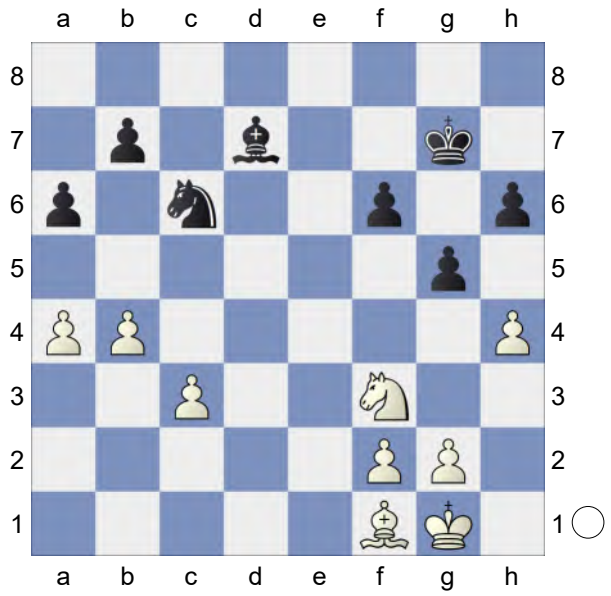
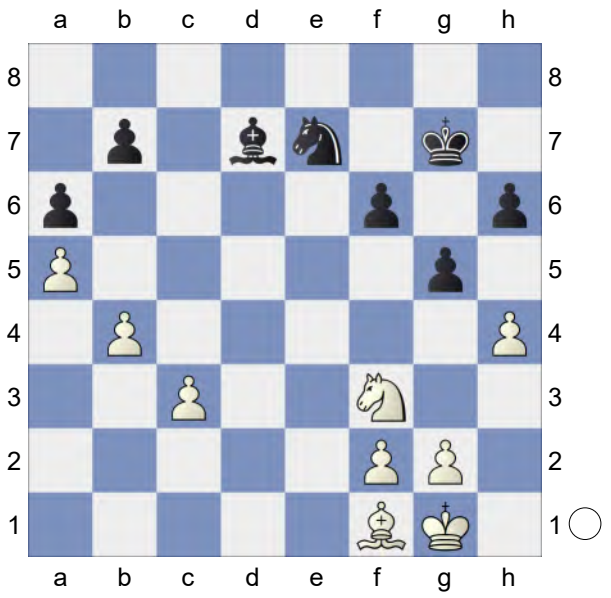


36.Be2 Qe4 37.Bf1 Be6 38.Qd6 Qd5 39.Qc7+ Qd7 40.Qxd7+ Bxd7

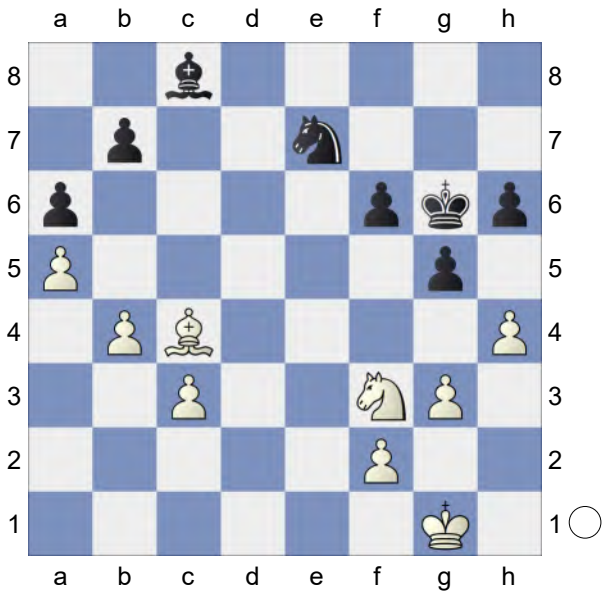


Endgame KBN-KBN. White is a pawn up. **41.a5 Ne7**

(Diagram)



42.Bc4 Inhibits Nd5. **42...Nf5 43.Bd5 Bc8 44.g3 Ne7 45.Bc4 Kg6**



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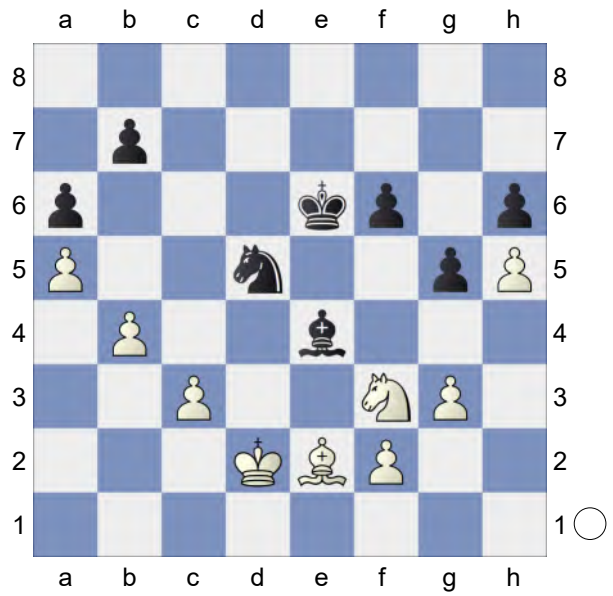
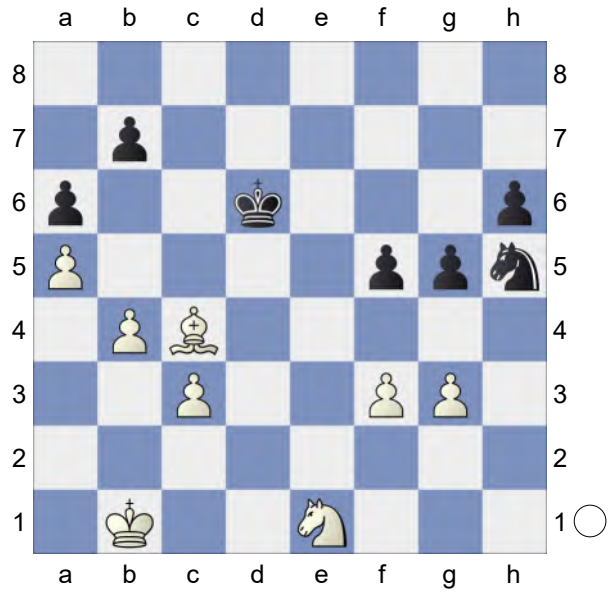


51.Ne1 f5 4.79/20
[51...Kd6 3.17/18 might work better. 52.Nd3 Bf5]
52.f3 White is clearly winning. **52...Bb1 53.Bc4 Kd6 54.Kc1** And now Bxd5 would win. **54...Nf6 55.Kxb1 Nxh5**



56.g4 Nf6 57.Be2 Nd5 58.Kc2
[And not 58.gxf5 Nxc3+ 59.Kb2 Nxe2∓]
58...Nf4 59.Kd2 h5 60.gxh5 Nxh5

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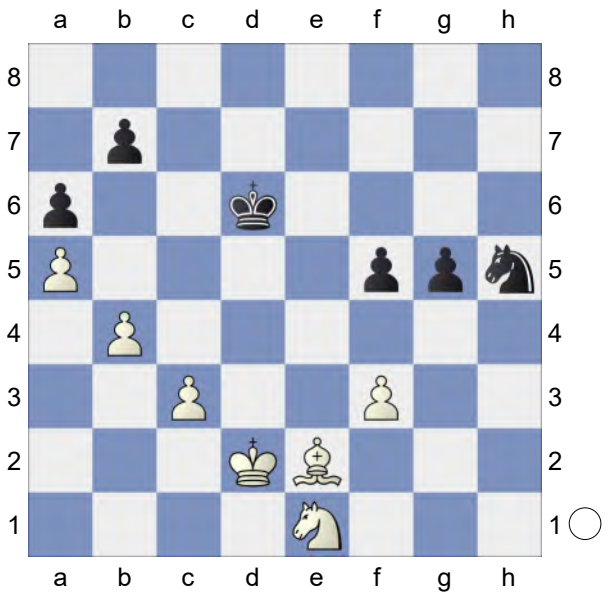

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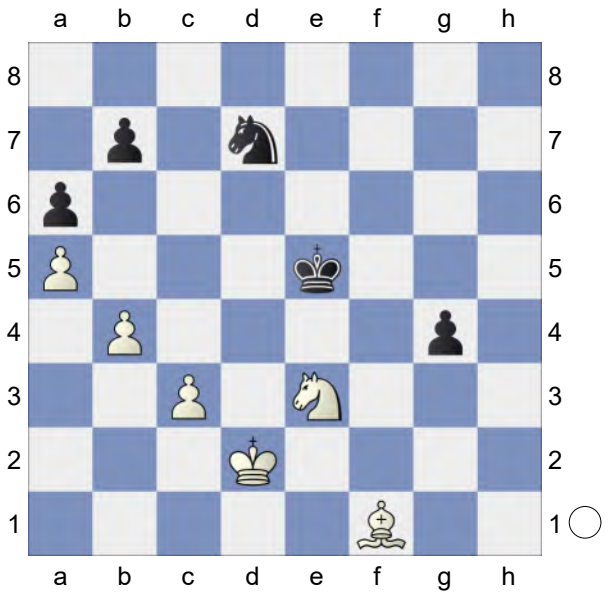

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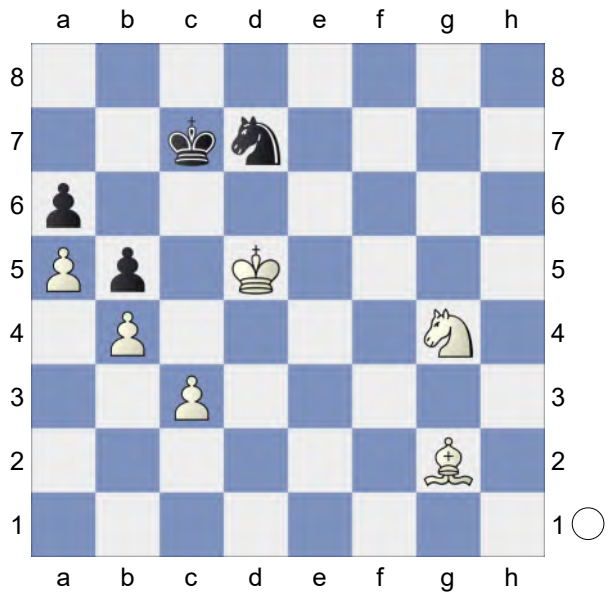

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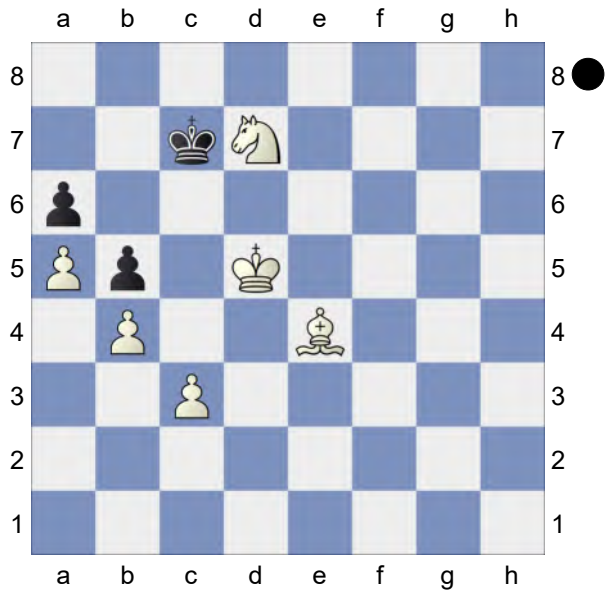
73.Nxd7



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19 **A40**

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■ **Hoon_Bot** **2885**

Rapid 13.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

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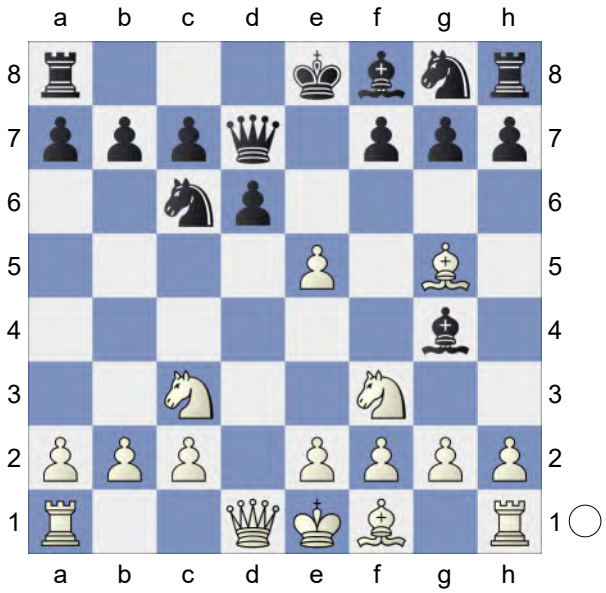
4.Bg5 Qd7 5.Nc3 Nc6



6.exd6N

[6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 20.exf4 Ne7

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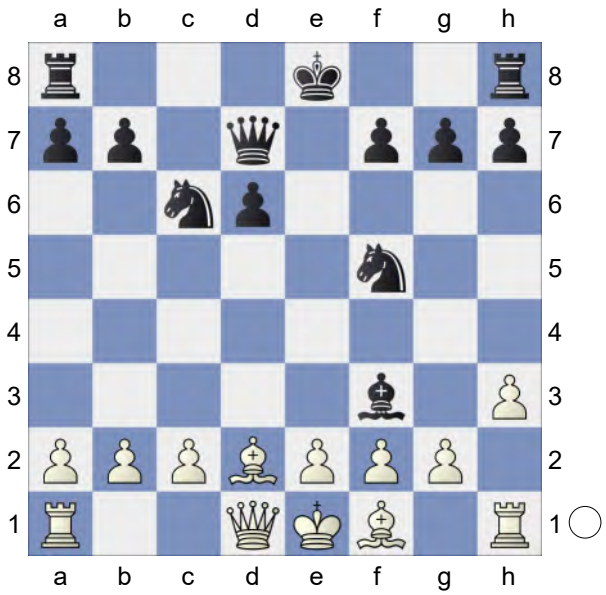
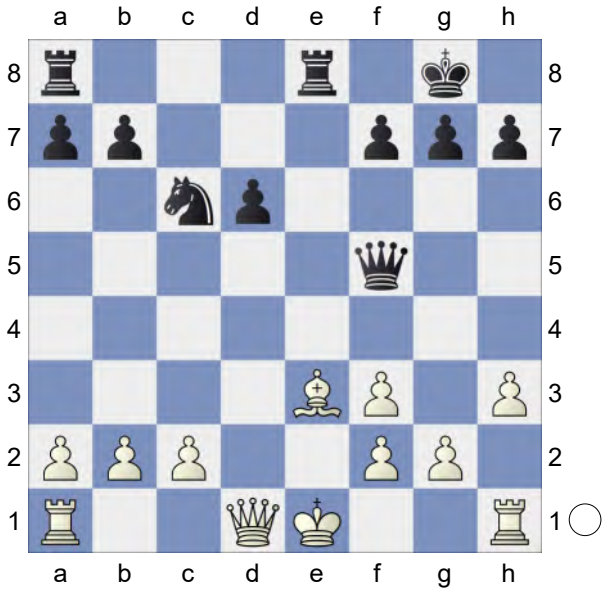


11.exf3

[11.gxf3 0-0±]

11...0-0 12.Be2 Nfd4 13.Bd3 Rfe8+ 14.Be3 Nf5 15.Bxf5 Qxf5



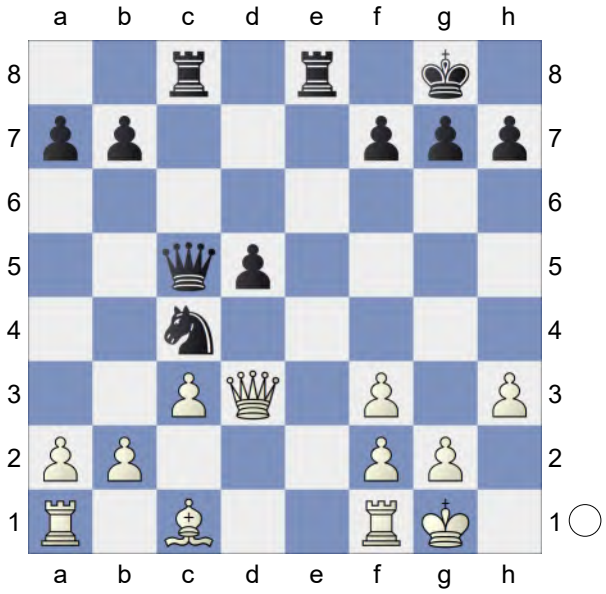
16.c3 Repels Nb4

[16.Qxd6 Rad8 17.Qa3 Nd4∓ *(17...Qxc2 18.0-0±)*]

16...Ne5 17.0-0

[17.Qxd6? Rad8 18.Qc7 Rd7-+]

17...Nc4 18.Bc1 Rac8 19.Qd4 Qc5 20.Qd3 d5



21.Rd1 Qb6 22.Qf1

[22.Qxd5? Rcd8-+ *(22...Nxb2 23.Bxb2 Re2 24.Rf1±)*]

22...Qa5 23.Qd3 Qb6 24.b3

[24.Qxd5? Rcd8-+ *(24...Nxb2 25.Bxb2 Re2 26.Rd4±)*]

24...Ne5 25.Qd4

[25.Qxd5? Red8 *(25...Rxc3? 26.Be3+-)* 26.Be3 Rxd5 27.Bxb6 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 axb6-+]

25...Qxd4

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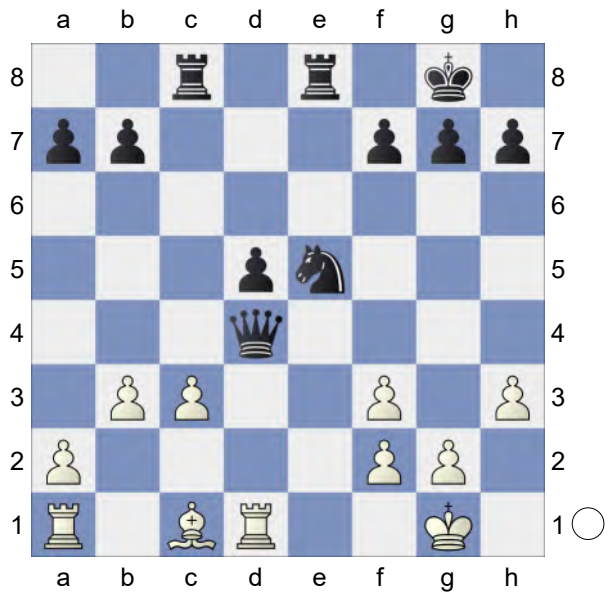
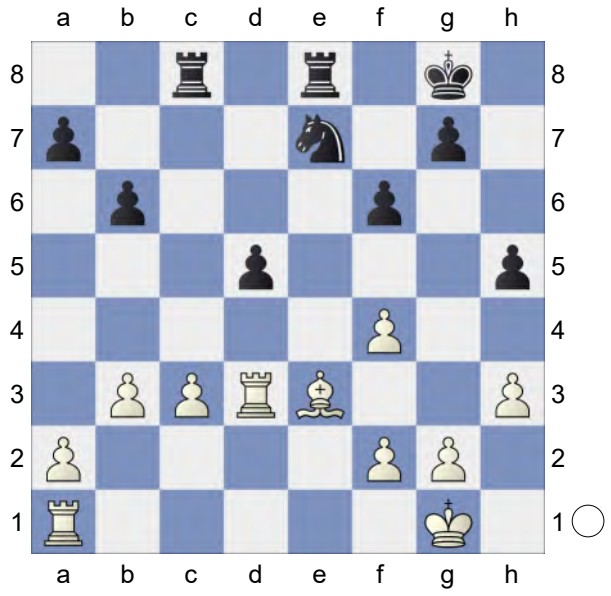
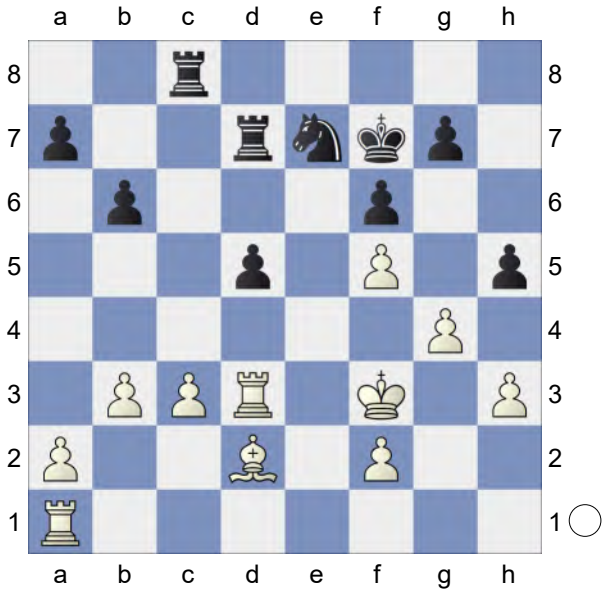


26.Rxd4
[26.cxd4?! Nc6±]
26...Nc6 27.Rd1 Wards off Re1+ **27...f6**
28.f4 h5 29.Be3
[29.Rxd5 Re1+ 30.Kh2 h4±]
29...Ne7 30.Rd3 b6



31.g4 Rc7 32.f5
[32.gxh5 Kf7±]
32...Rec8 33.Bd2
[33.gxh5 Rxc3 34.Rxc3 Rxc3∓]
33...Kf8 34.Kg2
[34.gxh5 Kf7±]
34...Kf7 35.Kf3
[35.gxh5 Rc5=]
35...Rd7



36.Re1
[36.gxh5?! Nxf5 37.Kg4 Ne7±]
36...b5 37.Kg3 White is more active.
[37.gxh5?! Nxf5 38.Kg4 Ne7±]
37...a5 38.Be3
[38.gxh5?! Nxf5+ 39.Kh2 Rh8=]
38...Rdc7 39.Bd4
[39.gxh5 Rxc3 40.Rxc3 Rxc3=]
39...b4 40.cxb4
[40.gxh5 Nxf5+ *(40...bxc3 41.Kf4∓)* 41.Kg4 *(41.Kf4 Nxd4 42.cxd4 Rc2∓)* 41...Nh6+ 42.Kf3 bxc3=]
40...axb4

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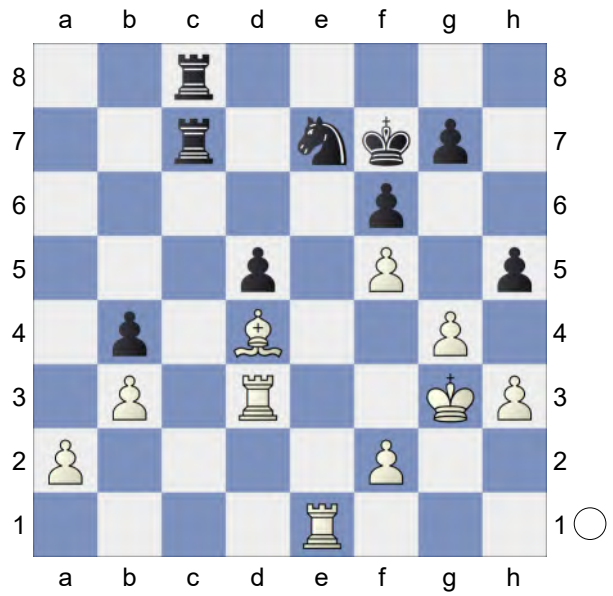
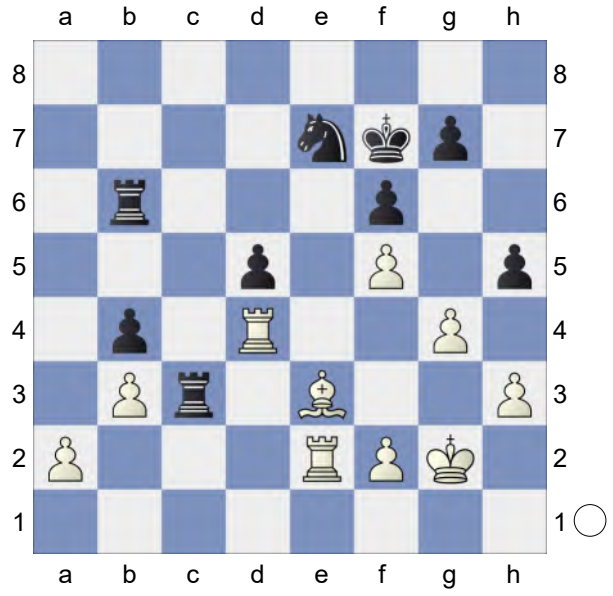
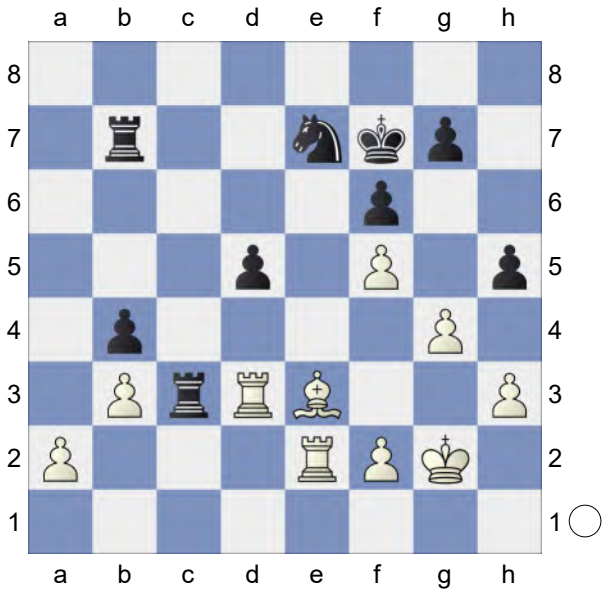


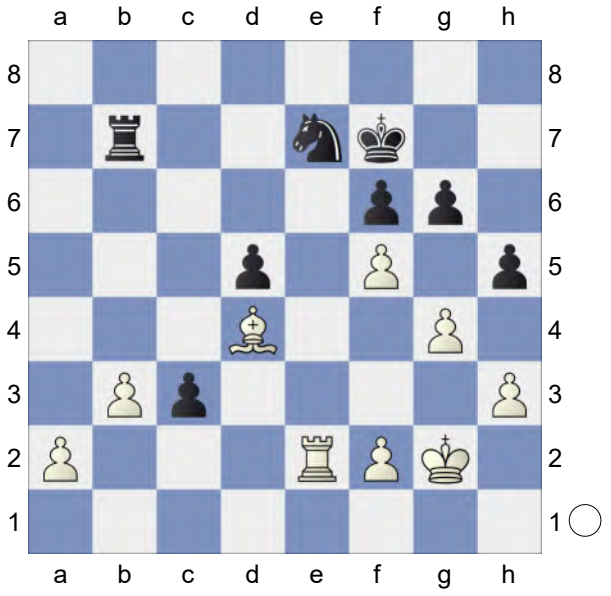
41.Re2
[41.gxh5 Nxf5+ 42.Kg4 Ne7±]
41...Rc2 42.Rdd2 R2c6 43.Be3
[43.gxh5 Nxf5+ 44.Kg4 g6±]
43...Rc3 44.Kg2
[44.gxh5? d4 *(44...Nxf5+ 45.Kg4±)* 45.Rxd4 Nxf5+ 46.Kg2 Nxd4 47.Bxd4 Rc2∓]
44...R8c6 1.97/24 Wards off Bb6
[44...Rh8± 1.44/21 45.Rd4 Rb8]
45.Rd4+-
[45.gxh5?! Rd6±]
45...Rb6



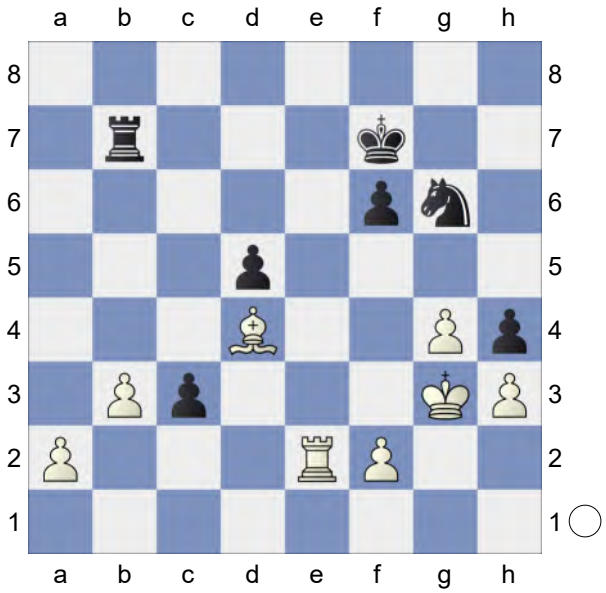
46.Rd3 Discovered Attack
[46.gxh5?! Nxf5 47.Rxd5 Nxe3+ 48.fxe3 *(48.Rxe3 Rxe3 49.fxe3 Ra6±)* 48...Kg8±]
46...Rb7 2.16/21
[⌓46...Rxd3 1.73/21 47.Bxb6 hxg4 48.hxg4 Nc6]



47.Rxc3! bxc3 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **48.Bd4**
[48.gxh5? Nxf5 49.Rc2 d4 50.Bxd4 Nxd4 51.Rxc3 Ke6∓]
48...g6



49.fxg6+!
[49.Bxc3 hxg4 50.hxg4 *(50.fxg6+ Nxg6 51.Rd2 gxh3+ 52.Kxh3 Ke6±)* 50...gxf5±]
49...Nxg6 50.Kg3 Repels Nf4
[50.Bxc3 Nf4+ 51.Kf3 Nxe2 52.Kxe2 Kg6=]
50...h4+



51.Kf3 Ne5+ 52.Ke3!
[Stronger than 52.Bxe5 fxe5 53.Ke3 *(53.Rxe5? Rc7-+)* 53...Rc7∓]
52...Rb4 3.61/27
[⌓52...Re7 2.46/21]
53.Bxc3 Re4+ 54.Kd2 Nf3+ 55.Kd3 Rxg4

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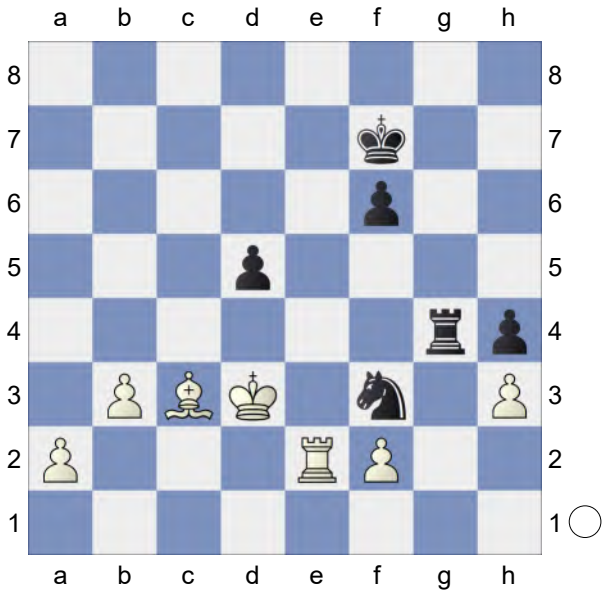
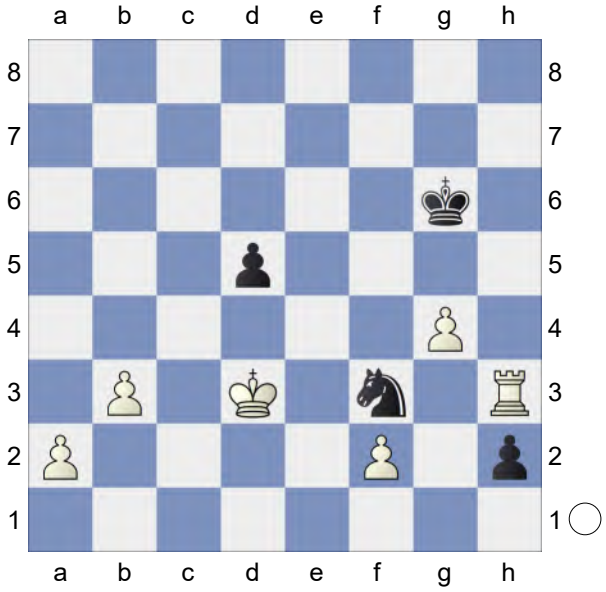
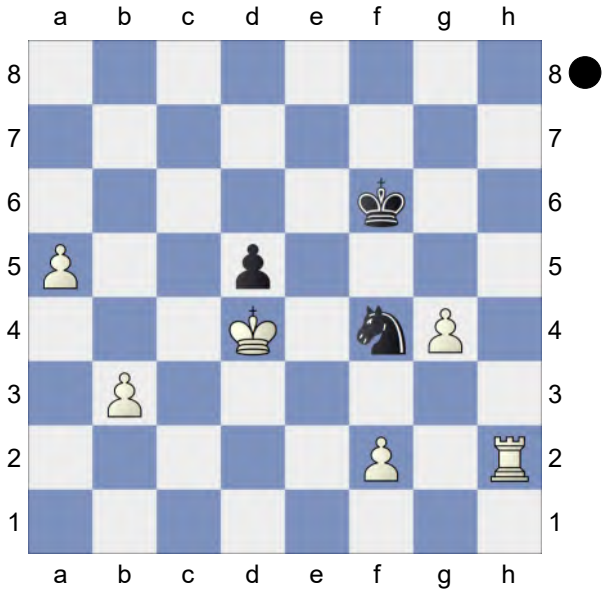


56.hxg4 h3 57.Bxf6! h2 7.56/16
[⌓57...Kxf6 4.14/20 58.Re3 Ne5+ 59.Kd4 h2]
58.Re7+ White is clearly winning.
58...Kxf6 KR-KN **59.Rh7 Kg5** and ...Nh4! would now be decisive
60.Rh3 Kg6



61.Ke3
[61.Rxf3? h1Q *(61...h1R?* perishes. *62.Rf5+-)* 62.Ke2 d4-+]
61...Ne5 62.Kd4 Kf6 63.a4 Ng6 64.Rxh2 Nf4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04

(flawless) /Black=0.43
65.a5



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20 **A40**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3011**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2888**
Rapid 13.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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4.Bg5 Qd7 5.Nc3 Nc6

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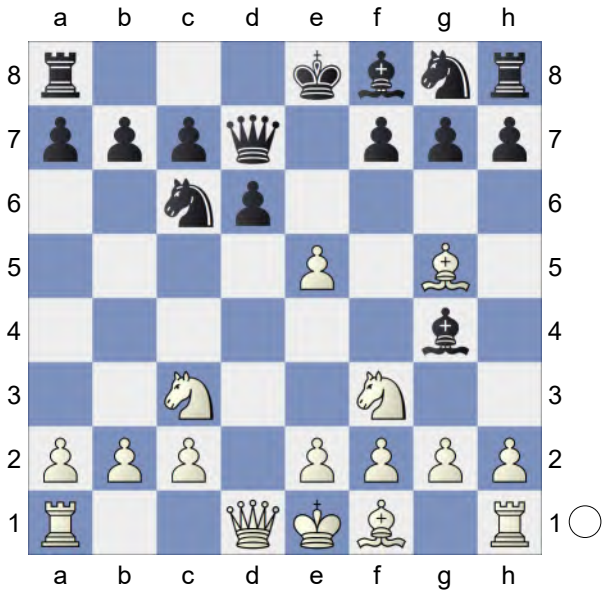
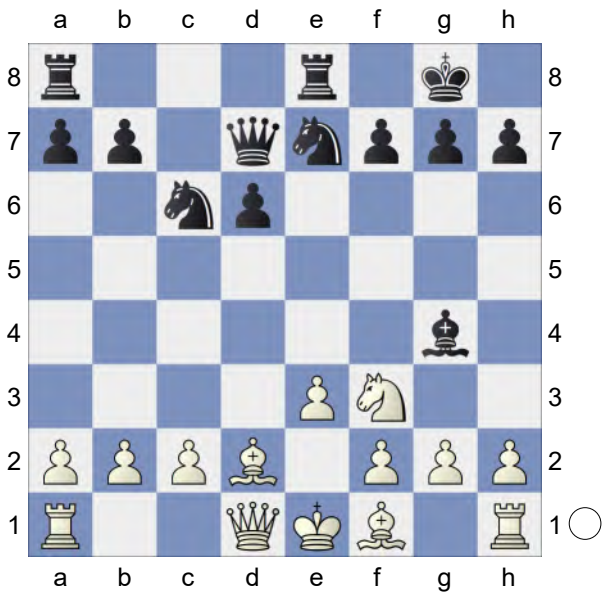
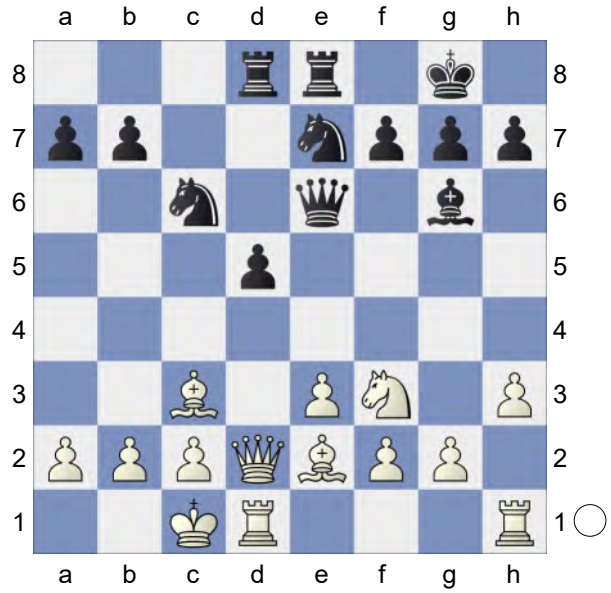


6.exd6N
[6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 20.exf4 Ne7 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]
6...Bxd6 7.Nb5 Nge7 8.Nxd6+ White is clearly better. **8...cxd6 9.Bd2 0-0 10.e3 Rfe8**

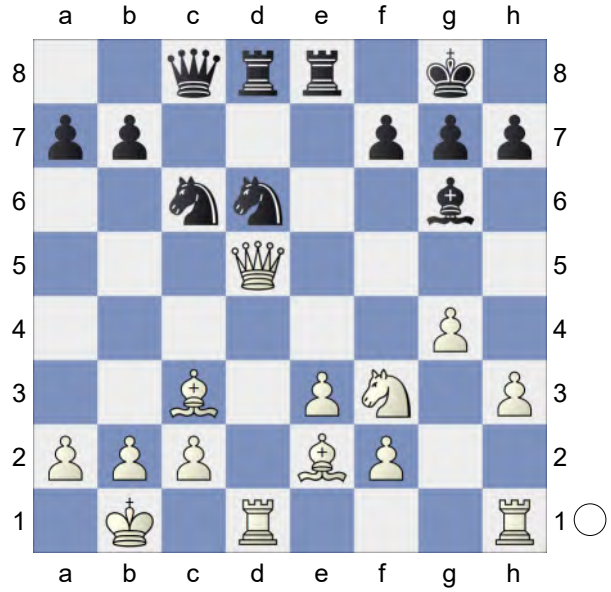


11.Bc3 d5 12.h3 Bh5 1.65/18

[12...Bxf3± 1.17/20 13.Qxf3 a6]
13.Be2+- Bg6 14.Qd2 Rad8 15.0-0-0 Qe6



16.Kb1 Nf5 17.g4 Nd6 18.Qxd5
[Weaker is 18.Ng5 Qe7 19.f4 *(19.Qxd5? perishes. Ne4-+)* 19...d4 20.Bxd4 Nxd4 21.Qxd4 Ne4 22.Qxa7 Nd2+ 23.Kc1 Ra8∓ *(23...Qb4? 24.f5+-)*]
18...Qc8



Strongly threatening ...Bxc2+!. **19.Qb3 Ne4 20.Rhf1 Rxd1+**
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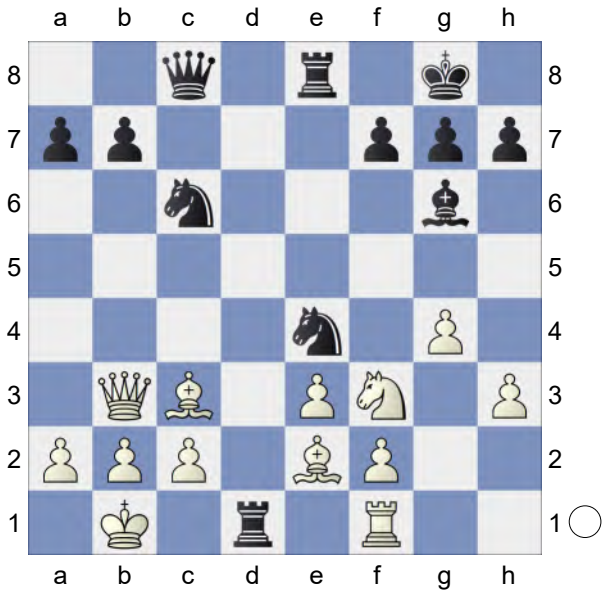
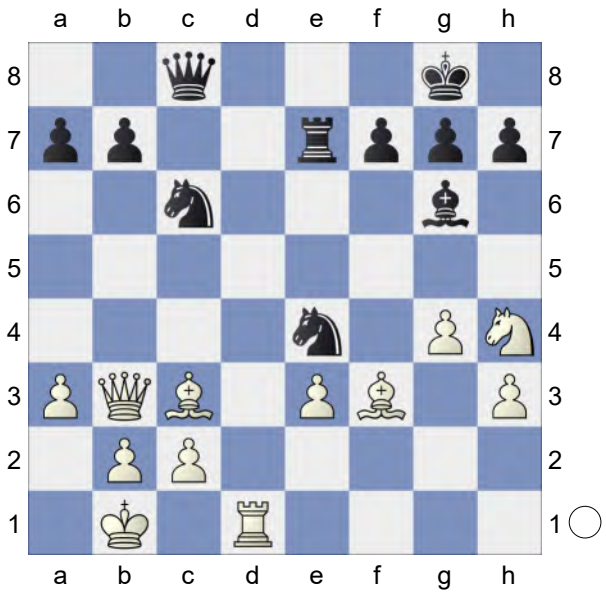
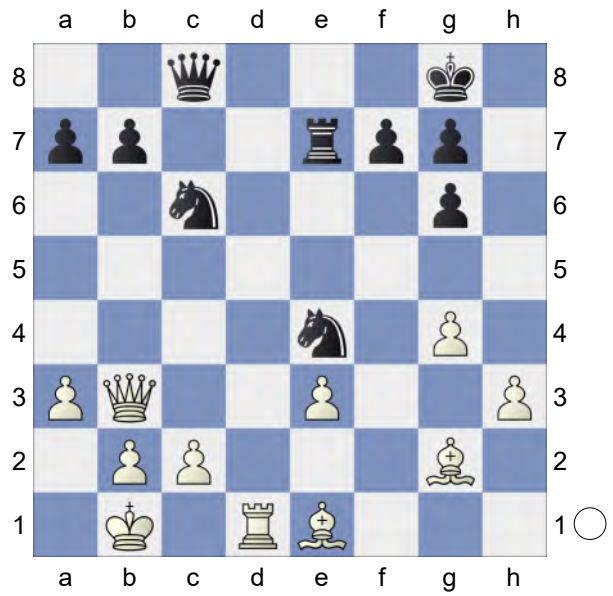


21.Bxd1 This pair of bishops is nice.
21...Qd7 Prevents Nd2. **22.Nh4 Nxf2 23.Bf3 Ne4 24.Rd1** Prevents Nd2+ **24...Qc8 25.a3 Re7**

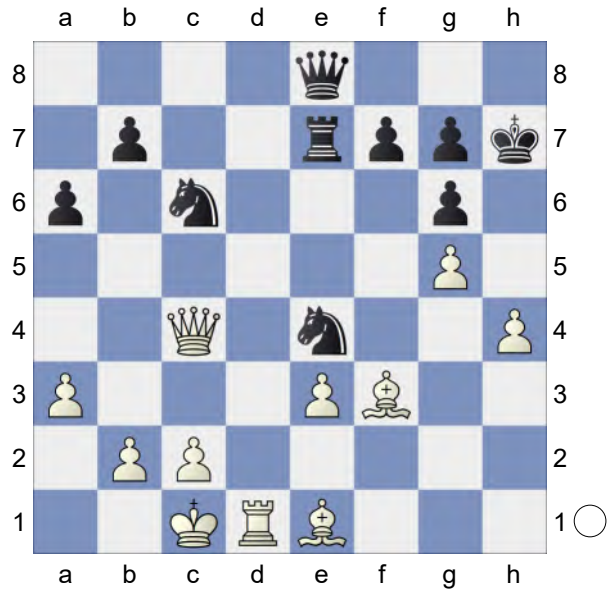


26.Nxg6 hxg6 27.Be1 Nc5 28.Qd5 Nd7 29.Bg2 Nf6 30.Qb3 Ne4

(Diagram)



31.Qc4 Qe8 32.h4 Qc8 33.Bf3
[33.Bxe4 Qxg4 34.Qd5 Rxe4-+]
33...a6 34.Kc1
[34.Bxe4 Qxg4 35.Rd6 Qxe4 36.Qxe4 Rxe4-+]
34...Qe8 35.g5 Kh7



36.h5 gxh5 37.Bxh5 Re6 38.Kb1 Qe7 39.Rd5 Nd6 40.Qf4 Kg8

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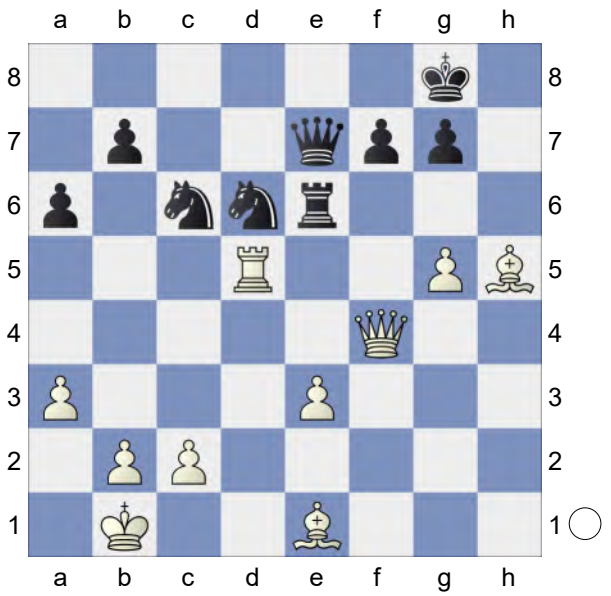
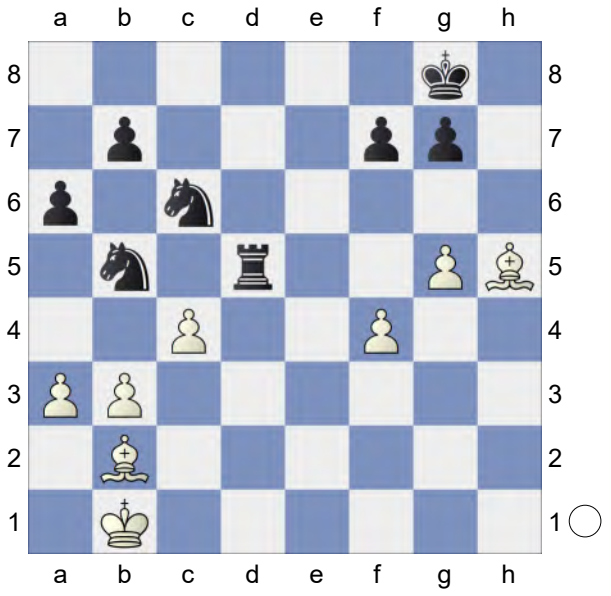


41.Bc3 Qc7 42.b3 Nb5 43.Bb2 Qxf4 44.exf4 Rd6 4.58/19
[⌓44...Re4 3.19/17 45.f5 Re1+ 46.Ka2 Re8]
45.c4 Rxd5



46.cxd5 Endgame KBB-KNN. White is a pawn up. **46...Ne7 47.a4 Nxd5** 5.75/18
[47...Nd6 3.95/18 is a better defense. 48.Ba3 Nec8]
48.axb5 White is clearly winning.
48...Nxf4 49.bxa6 bxa6 50.Bf3 Ne6

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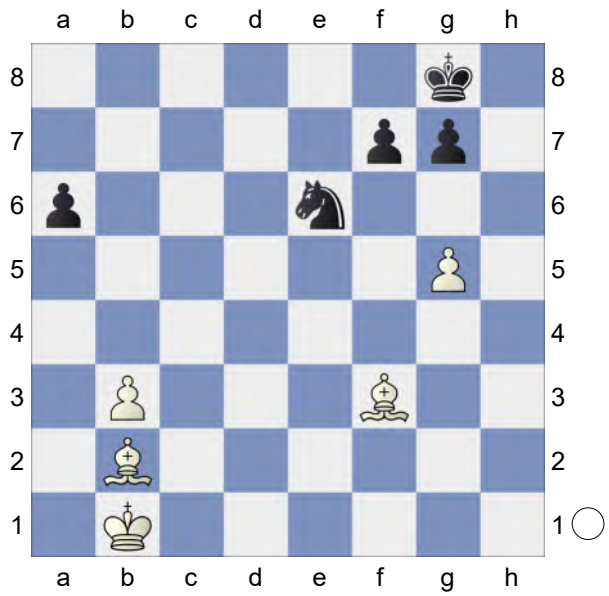
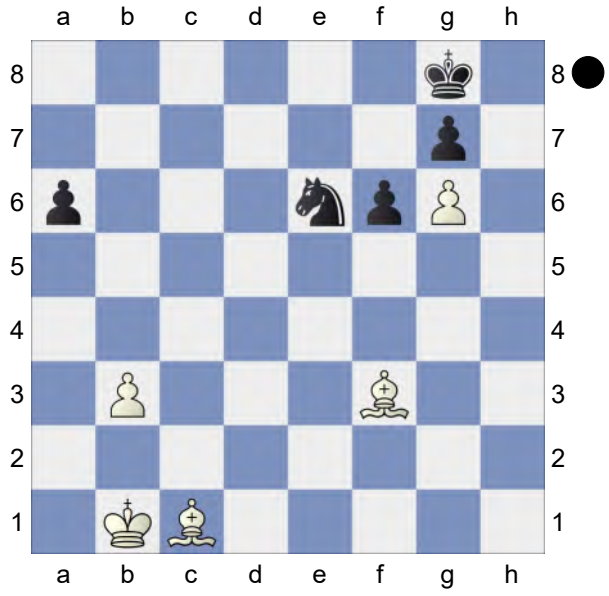


51.Bc1 f6 52.g6



aiming for Bd5. **52...Kf8 53.Bb7 a5 54.Ka2 Nd4 55.Be4 Ke7**

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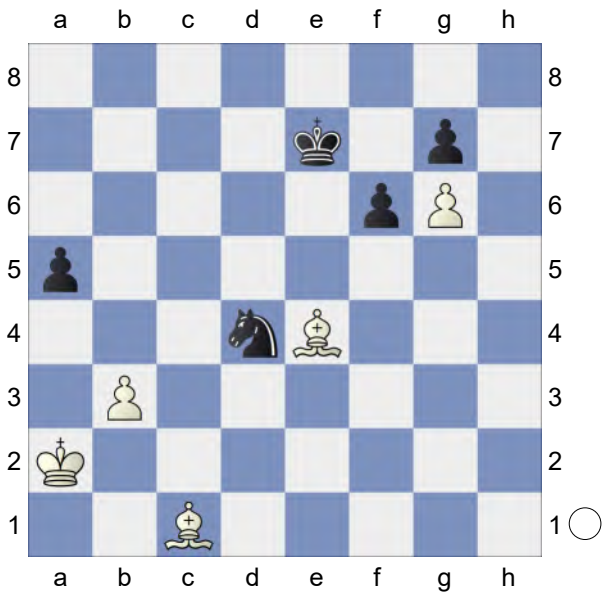
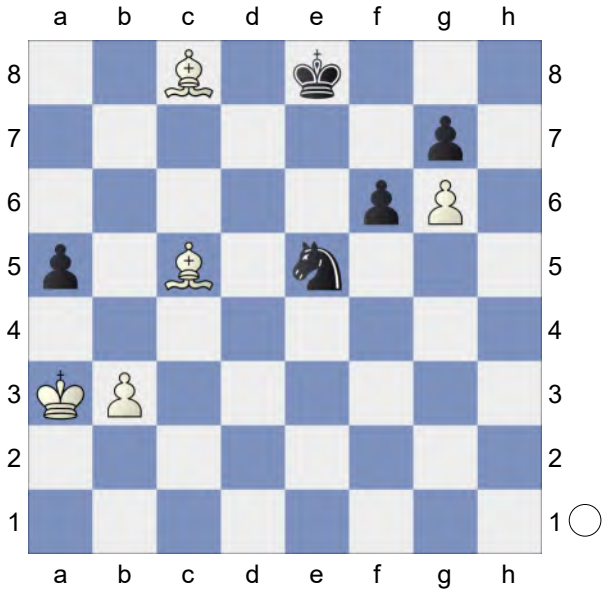


56.Be3 Ne6 57.Bf5 Nd8 58.Bc5+ Ke8 59.Bc8 Nc6 60.Ka3 Ne5



61.Bf5 Nc6 62.Be4 Ne7 63.Bxe7 Kxe7 64.Ka4 Kd6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

65.Kxa5

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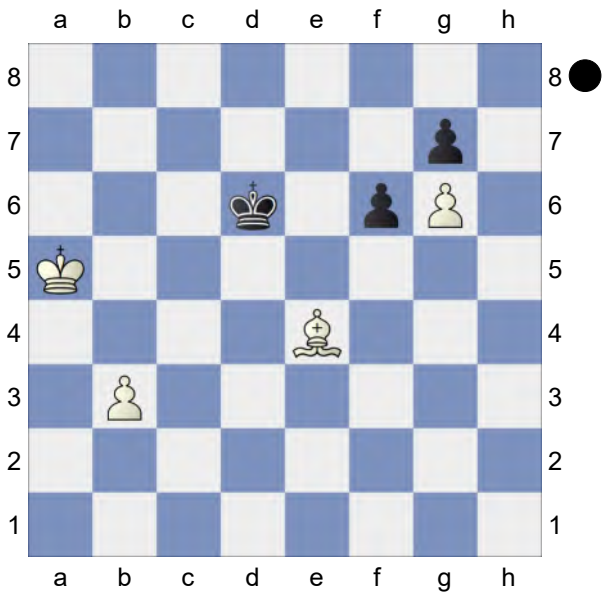

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21 **A40**
□ **bananarepublic21** **2880**
■ **derdimcokanacan** **2765**
Blitz 08.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C41: Philidor Defence
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4.e4N
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 19.Qd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero, M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]
[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch, A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]
4...Nc6 5.Bb5 dxe5

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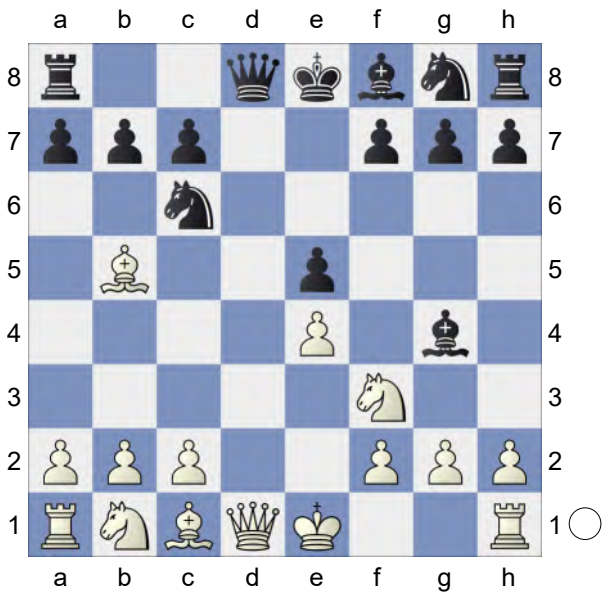
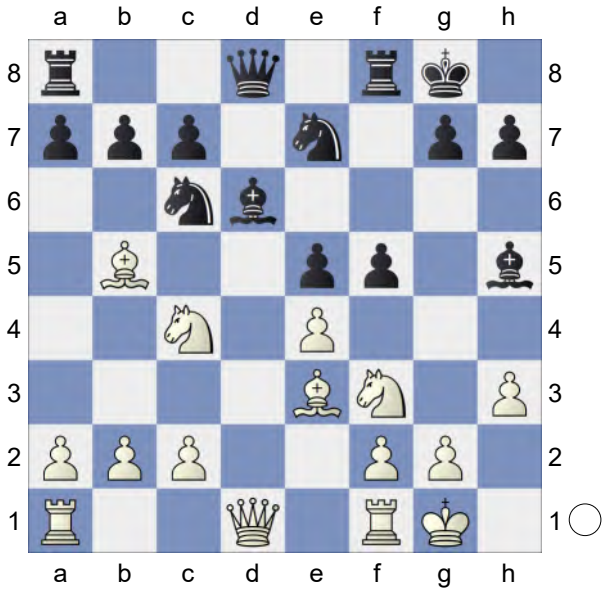
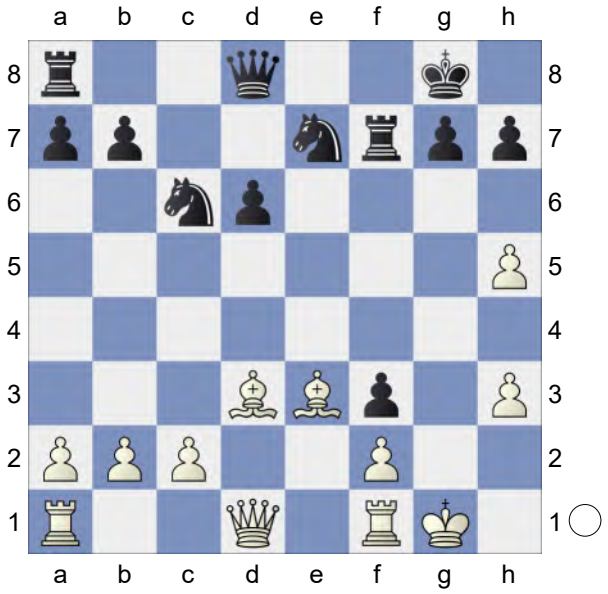


6.0-0 0.34/21
[6.Qd5!± 1.00/20 Nge7 7.Qxe5]
6...Bd6 7.h3 Bh5 8.Nbd2 White is slightly better. **8...Nge7 9.Nc4** 0.11/21
[Better is 9.Be2± 0.79/19]
9...0-0 10.Be3
[10.g4!? Bg6□ 11.Nxd6 cxd6 12.Re1±]
10...f5



11.exf5 -0.33/19
[11.Nxd6= 0.07/21 cxd6 12.Bc4+ Kh8 13.g4]
11...e4∓ 12.g4 exf3 13.gxh5 Rxf5 -0.19/20
[13...Nxf5∓ -0.63/21 14.Qxf3 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Re8]
14.Nxd6= cxd6 15.Bd3 Rf7



16.Kh2 Qa5 0.13/20
[16...d5 -0.30/20]
17.Rg1 Qxh5 18.Rg3 -0.54/19
[18.Rg5= 0.09/18 Qh4 19.Rg4]
18...Ne5 -0.09/18
[18...Qe5∓ -0.54/19 feels stronger.]
19.Be4! Kh8 1.11/22
[19...d5= -0.04/23 20.Rg5 Ng4+ 21.Rxg4 *(21.Kg3 Qh6=)* 21...Qe5+ *(21...dxe4 22.Qd4∓)* 22.Kg1 dxe4]
20.Qxd6±
[20.Bxb7 Raf8 21.Qxd6 Nf5 22.Qxe5 Nxg3 23.Qxh5 Nxh5-+]
20...h6 1.95/19
[20...N7c6± 1.11/20 is a better defense.]

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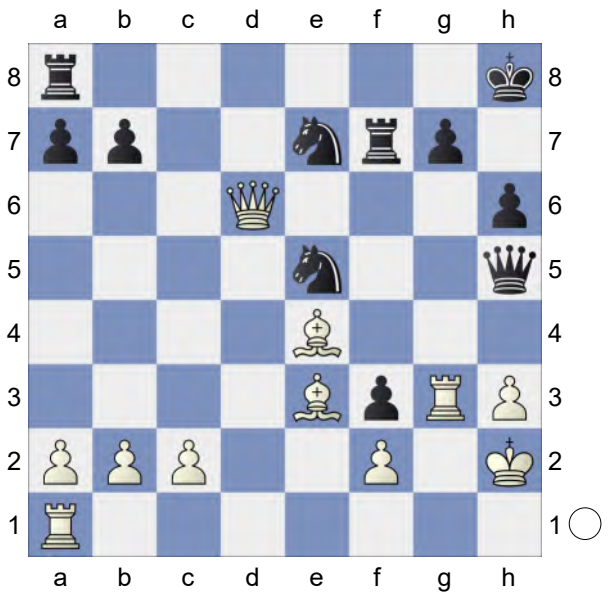
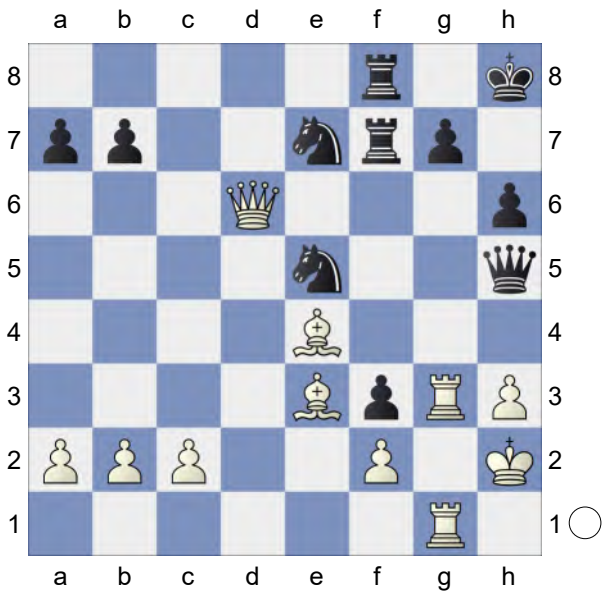
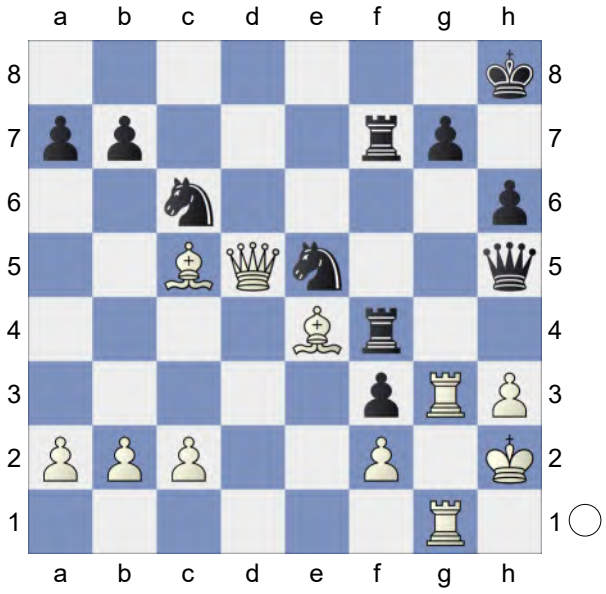


Dodges Rg5 **21.Rag1** 1.48/19
[21.Bxb7?! Re8 22.Be4 *(22.Bxa7? Nf5-+)* 22...Nf5 23.Bxf5 Qxf5±]
[21.Qe6+- 1.95/19 Raf8 22.Bd4 *(22.Bxa7 Ng8±)*]
21...Raf8? 6.84/19
[21...N7c6± 1.48/19]



22.Qe6? 2.35/19
[22.Bxb7 Nf5 23.Qxe5 Nxg3 *(23...Rxb7 24.Rg6±)* 24.Qxh5 Nxh5=]
[22.Bd4 6.84/19 Rg8 23.Bxe5 *(23.Qxe5 Qxe5 24.Bxe5 Nc6+-)*]
22...N7c6+- **23.Bc5** Wards off Re7. A strong pair of Bishops. **23...Rf6** 7.38/22
[23...Nd8 1.93/20 24.Qd5 Re8]
24.Qb3? 1.16/17
[24.Rxg7+- 7.38/22 and the rest is easy. Ng6 25.Bxg6 *(25.R7xg6 Rxe6 26.Rxe6 Rf6∓* Decoy *)* 25...Rxe6 26.Bxh5]
24...R8f7±
[24...Ng4+? 25.Rxg4 Qe5+ *(25...Qxc5? 26.Rxg7 Qxf2+ 27.Kh1+-)* 26.Kh1+-]
25.Qd5 **Rf4**
[25...Rd7? 26.Qxd7 *(26.Qb3 Ng4+ 27.Rxg4 Qxc5∓)* 26...Nxd7 27.Rxg7+-]



26.c4 0.00/21
[26.Bd6± 0.99/21 Threatens to win with Qe6!. Qh4 27.Bd3 *(27.Bxe5 Nxe5 28.Re1 Ng4+ 29.Kg1 Qxg3+ 30.fxg3 f2+ 31.Kf1 fxe1N+ 32.Kxe1 Rf1+ 33.Kd2 Rd1+* Skewer, Decoy *34.Kxd1 Ne3+ 35.Ke2 Nxd5∓)*]
26...Rh4= Some like it hot **27.Qe6** -4.65/22 Prevents Ng4+. **27...Rxe4??** 4.00/18

[27...Ng4+!-+ -4.65/22 and all is fine. 28.Qxg4 Rxg4 29.Rxg4 Qxc5]

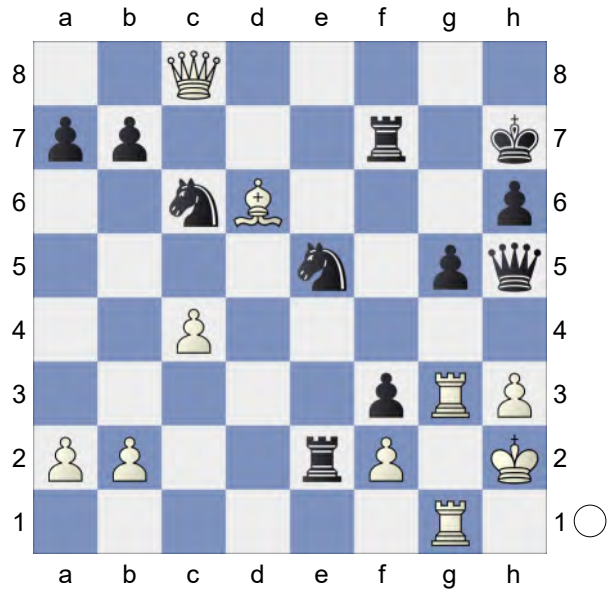
28.Qc8+?? -5.87/21

[28.Qe8++- 4.00/18 Kh7 29.Rxg7+ Rxg7 30.Rxg7+ *(30.Qxh5 Rf7+-)* 30...Kxg7 31.Qxh5]

28...Kh7-+ 29.Bf8 g5

[29...Nxc4? 30.Bxg7+-]

30.Bd6 Re2



31.Bc5 Nd3 32.Be3 Nxf2

[Less strong is 32...Nxb2 33.Bxg5 Rxf2+ *(33...hxg5 34.Rxg5=)* 34.Kh1⩲]

33.Bxf2 Rxf2+ 34.Kh1 Rg2 35.R1xg2 fxg2+

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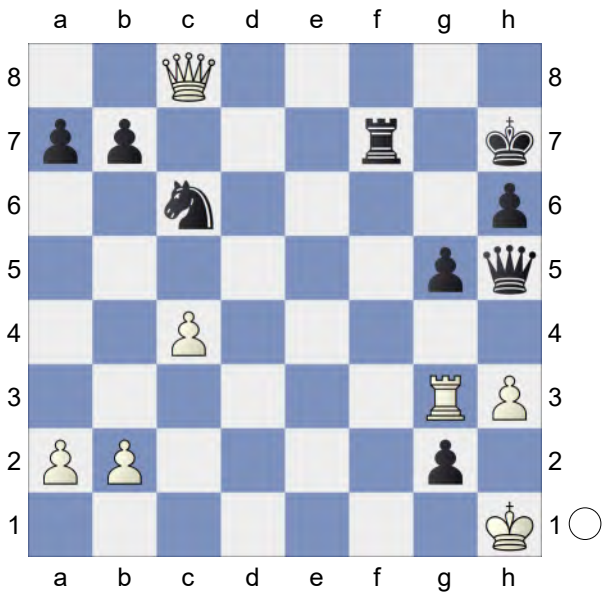

36.Rxg2 Qd1+ 37.Kh2 Qd6+ 38.Kg1 Nd4 -11.76/18

[⮌38...Qd4+ -#9/16 39.Kh2 Ne5 *(39...Qxc4? 40.Qg4-+)* 40.Qxb7 Rxb7 41.Rc2 Nf3+ *(41...Nxc4* is a self mate. *42.h4 Qxh4+ 43.Kg1 Re7 44.Kg2 Re3 45.Kf1 Re1+ 46.Kg2 Ne3+ 47.Kf3 Qf4#)* 42.Kg2 Nh4+ *(42...Rxb2 43.Rxb2 Nh4+ 44.Kf1 Qxb2 45.Ke1 Qg2 46.Kd1 Nf3 47.Kc1 Nd4 48.Kb1 Qc2+ 49.Ka1 Qc1#)* 43.Kh2 Rxb2 *(43...Qd6+ 44.Kg1 Qg3+ 45.Kh1 Re7 46.Re2 Rxe2 47.c5 Qh2#)* 44.Kh1 Rxc2 45.a4 Qd1#]

39.Rf2

Weighted Error Value: White=1.14/ Black=0.46

39...Qg3+

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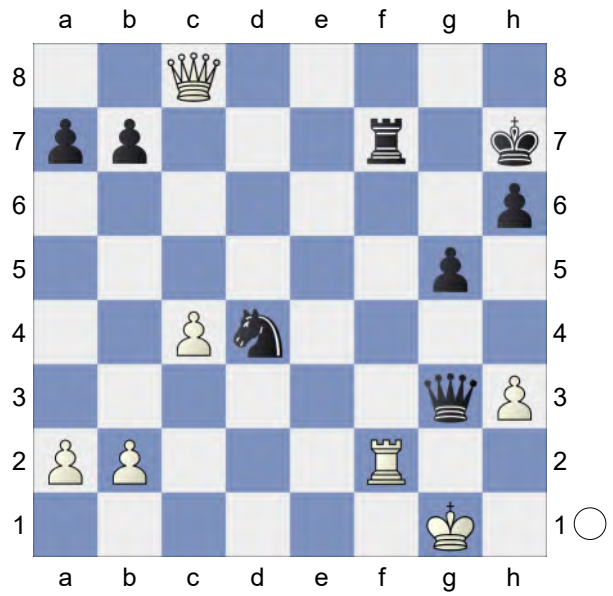

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22 **A40**
□ **yobot_v2** **2985**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2878**
Rapid 07.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec
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[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4.Bg5
[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]
4...Qd7 5.Nbd2N
[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 19.Qd5 Qxd5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 34.Bd1 Nb2 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]
5...Nc6 1.72/19
[5...Bxf3± 1.31/18 6.exf3 *(6.Nxf3 dxe5 7.e4 Qxd1+ 8.Rxd1 Nd7±)* 6...dxe5]

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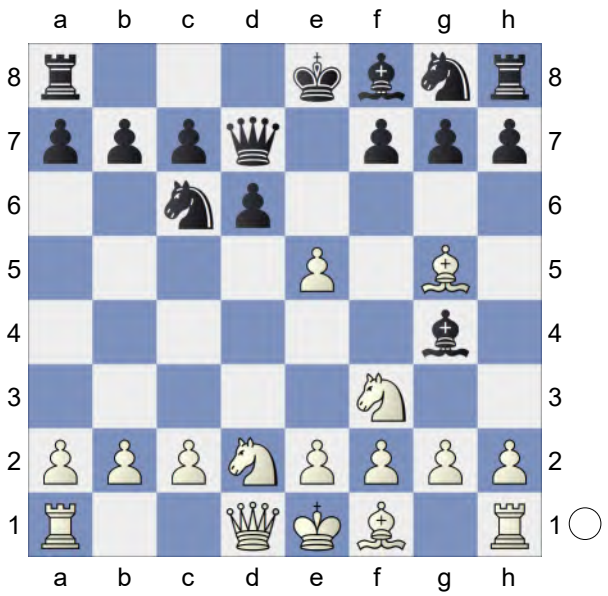
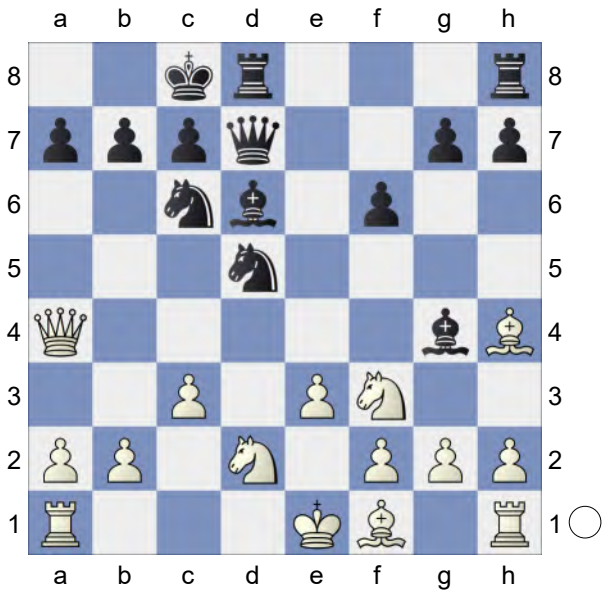


6.exd6+- Bxd6 7.e3 0.84/21

[7.Nc4+- 1.86/19 is more deadly.]

7...f6 8.Bh4 White is better. **8...0-0-0 9.c3 Nge7 10.Qa4 Nd5**



11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Bg3 h5

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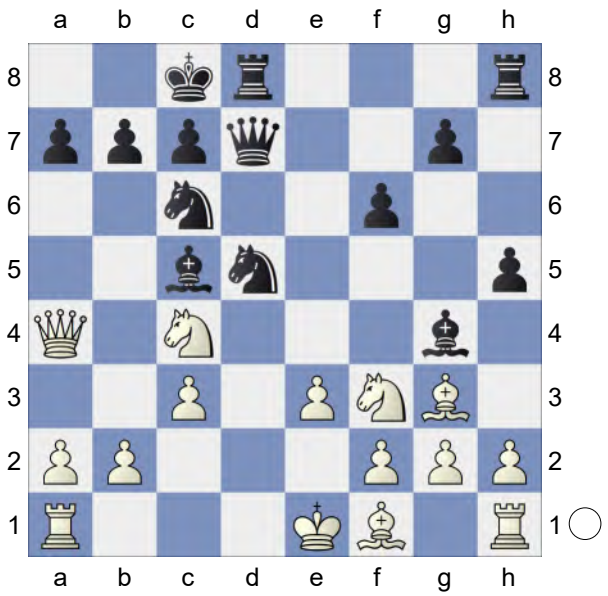
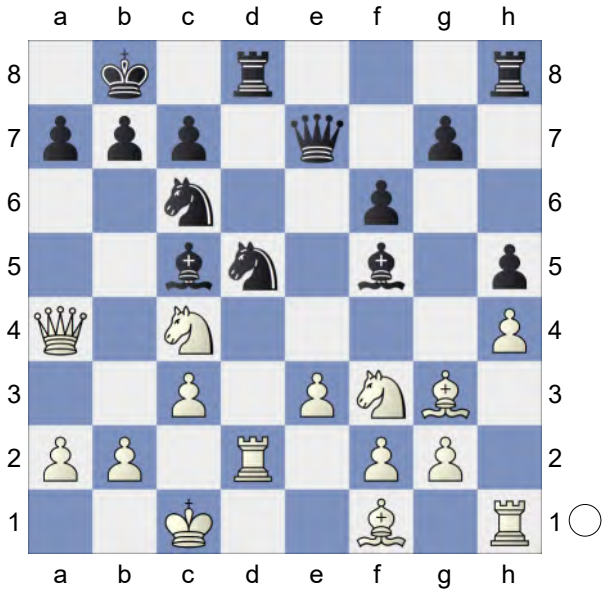


13.h4! Kb8 14.0-0-0 Bf5 15.Rd2 White is more active. **15...Qe7**



16.Be2 Nb6 17.Nxb6

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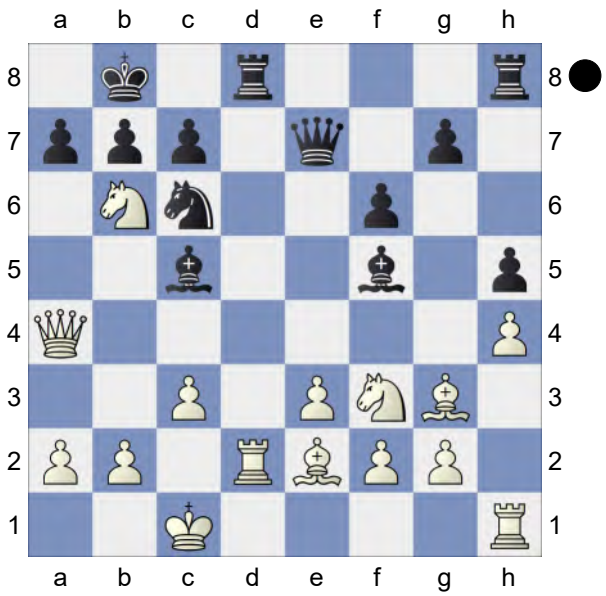
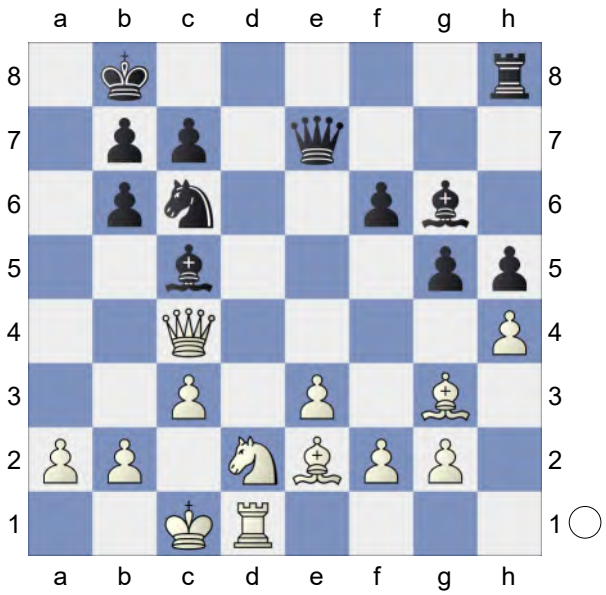


Rxd2 18.Nxd2 axb6 19.Rd1 g5 20.Qc4 Bg6



21.b4 Bd6 22.Bxd6 Qxd6 23.Nf3 Repels Ne5 **23...Qe7 24.Rd2 Rd8 25.a3 Qe8**

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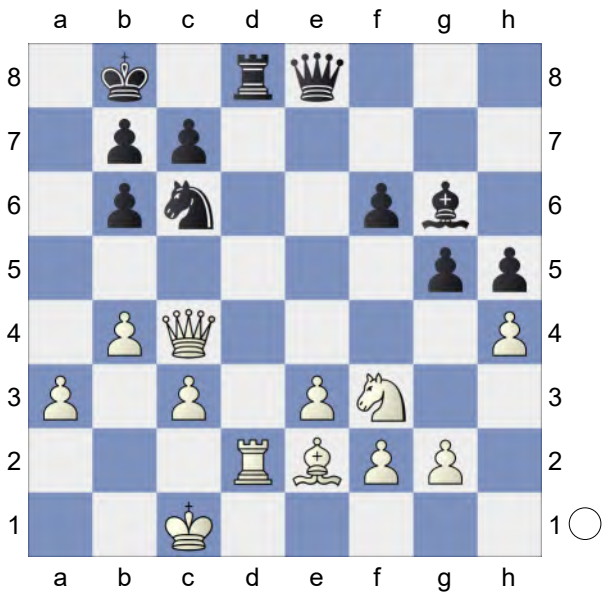


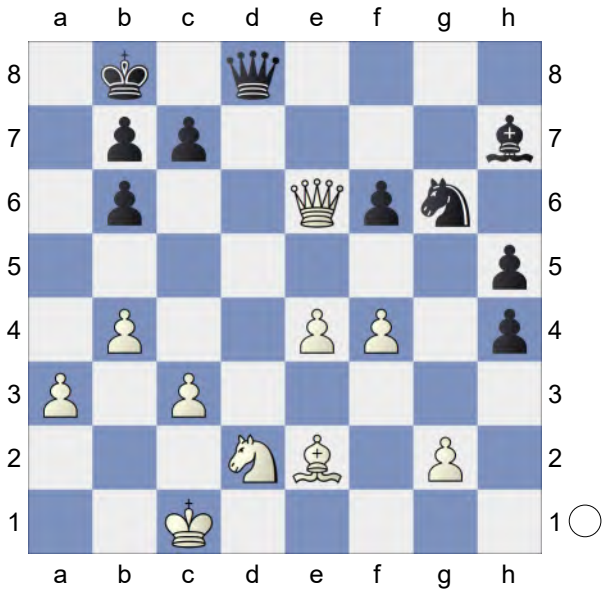
26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.e4 0.42/18

[Better is 27.hxg5± 0.81/20 and Nd4 should not be overlooked fxg5 28.Nd4 Nxd4 29.Qxd4]

27...gxh4± 28.Qe6 Bh7 29.Nd2

[29.Nxh4 Bg8 30.Qh3 Qd6±]

29...Ne5 Dodges Qf7 **30.f4 Ng6**



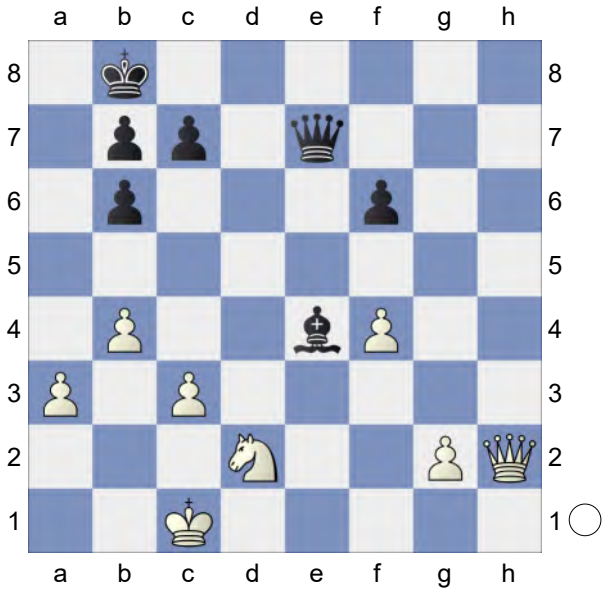
31.Qf5 Black is weak on the light squares

[31.Bxh5 Nxf4 32.Qg4 Nd3+ 33.Kc2 Ne5∓]

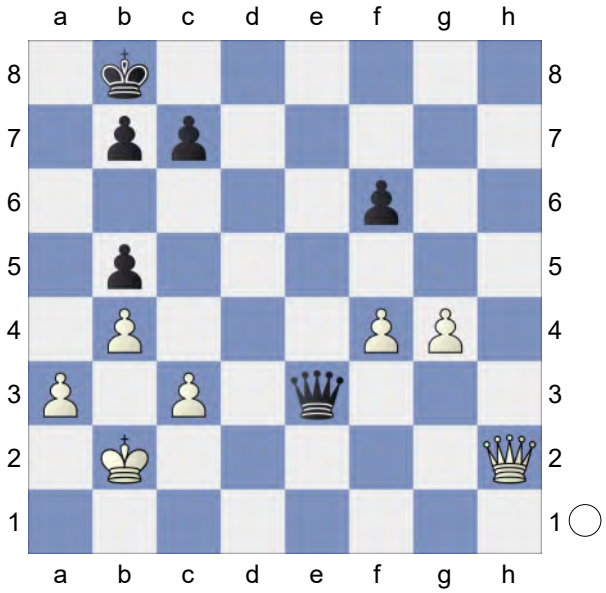
31...Qe7! 32.Bxh5

[32.Qxh5 Nxf4 33.Qf3 Qe5∓]

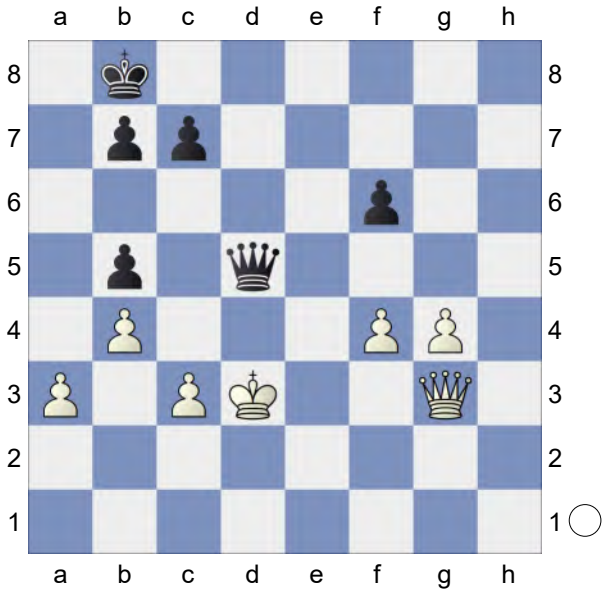
32...h3 33.Bxg6
[33.gxh3? Ne5 34.fxe5 Bxf5 35.exf6 Qxf6 36.exf5 Qxc3+ 37.Kd1 Qxh3-+ *(37...Qxa3? 38.Bg6-+)*]
33...h2 34.Qh5
[34.Bxh7? is the wrong capture. h1Q+ *(34...h1R+? 35.Kb2-+)* 35.Kc2 Qhxh7-+ *(35...Qexh7? 36.Qxf6 Qg8 37.f5-+)*]
34...Bxg6 35.Qxh2 Bxe4



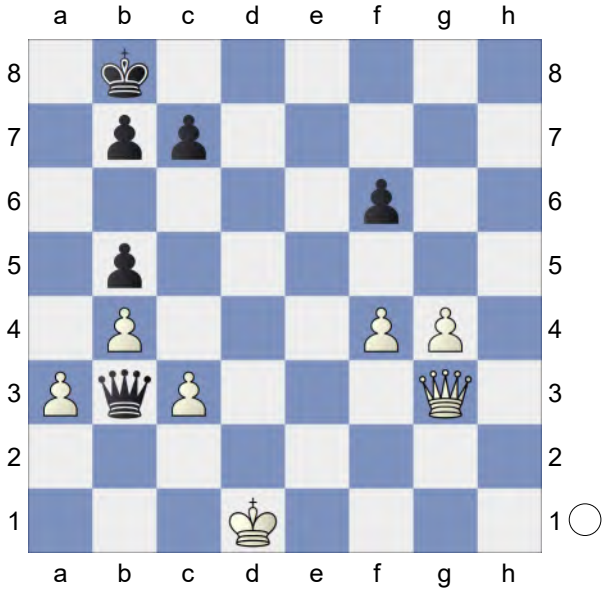
36.Nxe4 Qxe4= Endgame KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **37.Kd2 Qd5+ 38.Kc1 Qe4 39.g4 Qe3+ 40.Kb2 b5**



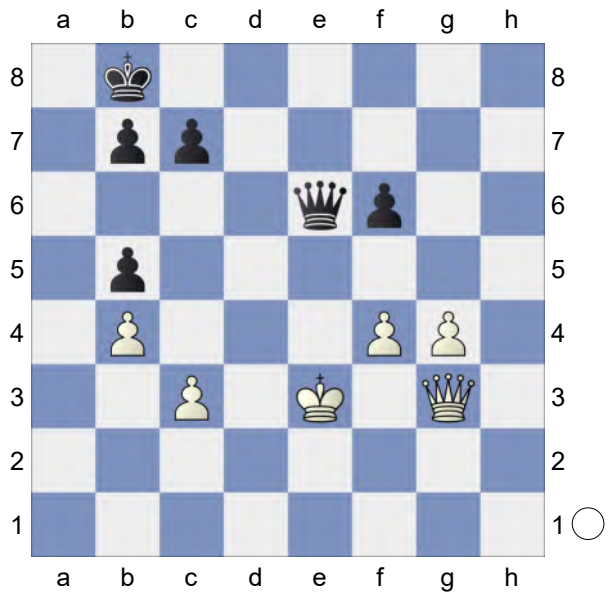
41.Kc2 Qe6 And now ...Qa2+ would win. **42.Qg3 Qa2+ 43.Kd3 Qd5+ 44.Kc2 Qa2+ 45.Kd3 Qd5+**



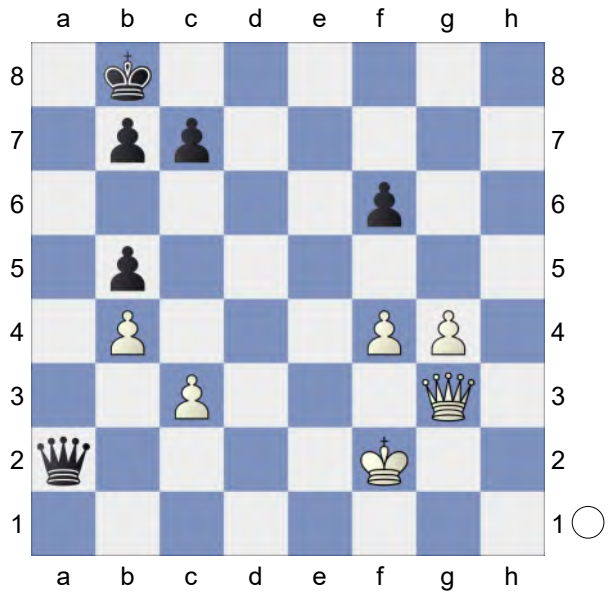
46.Ke2 Qe6+ 47.Kd2 Qa2+ 48.Ke3 Qe6+ 49.Kd2 0.11/20
[49.Kf2!± 0.54/26 deserves consideration.]
49...Qa2+ 50.Kd1 0.07/23
[50.Ke3± 0.84/23]
50...Qb3+



51.Kc1 Qxa3+ The position is equal. **52.Kc2 Qa2+ 53.Kd3 Qd5+ 54.Ke2 Qa2+ 55.Ke3 Qe6+**



56.Kf2 Qa2+ 57.Ke3 Qe6+ 58.Kf3 Qd5+ 59.Ke2 Qc4+ 60.Kf2 Qa2+



61.Kf1 Qd5 Wards off Qd3 **62.g5 fxg5 63.fxg5 Qd1+ 64.Kf2 Qd2+ 65.Kf1 Qd1+**

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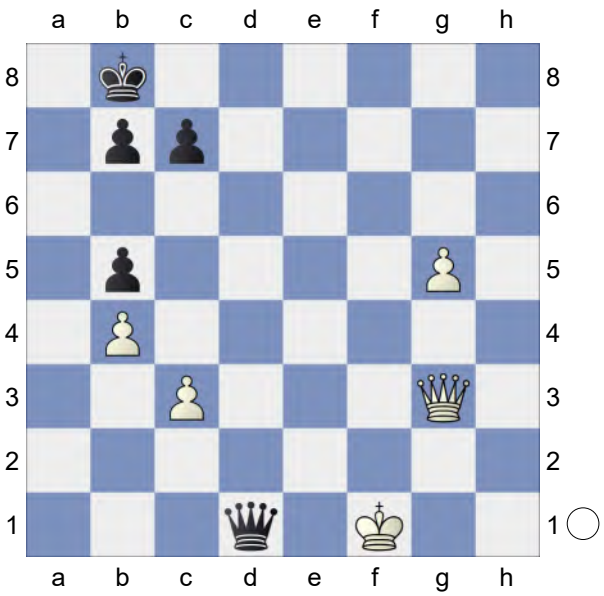
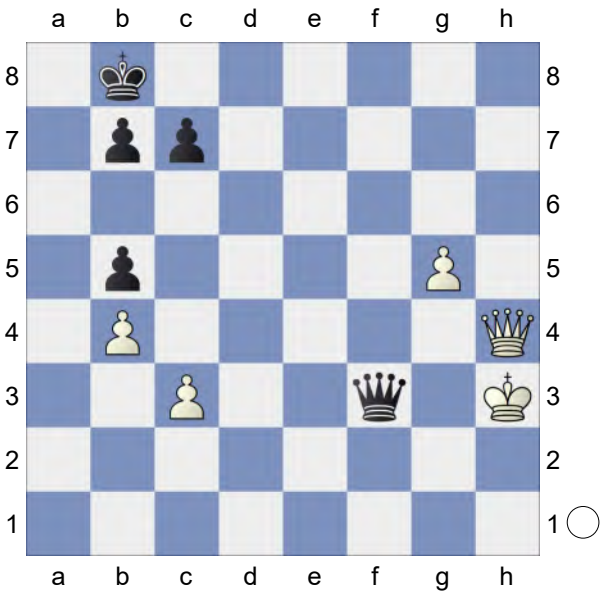


66.Kg2 Qe2+ 67.Qf2 Qg4+ 68.Qg3 Qe2+ 69.Kh3 Qh5+! 70.Qh4 Qf3+



71.Qg3 Qh5+ 72.Qh4 Qf3+ 73.Kh2 Qe2+ 74.Kg3 Qe1+ 75.Kh3 Qh1+

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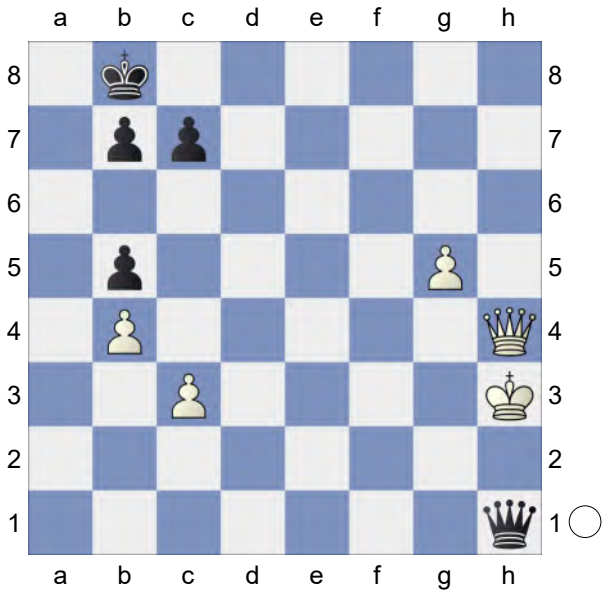

76.Kg4 Qe4+ 77.Kg3 Qe1+ 78.Kh3 Qh1+ 79.Kg3 Black escapes into a draw.

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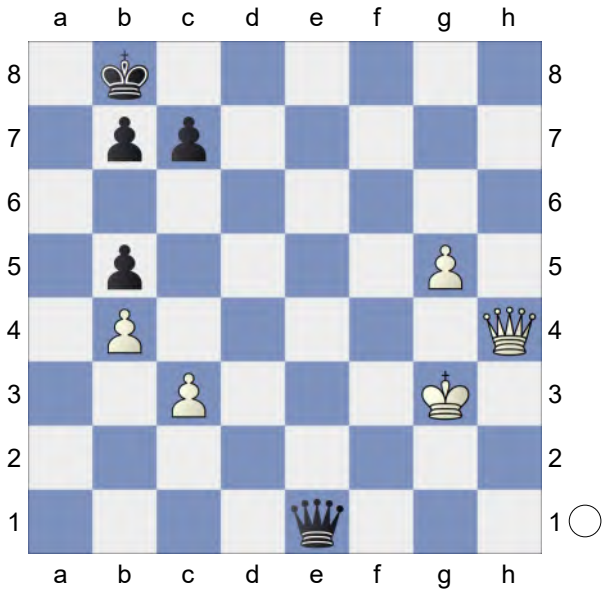
79...Qe1+



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23 **A40**

□ **UchihaLoser** **2662**

■ **MrHani** **2689**

Blitz 12.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6**

[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

3...Bxd6 4.Nf3 Bg4

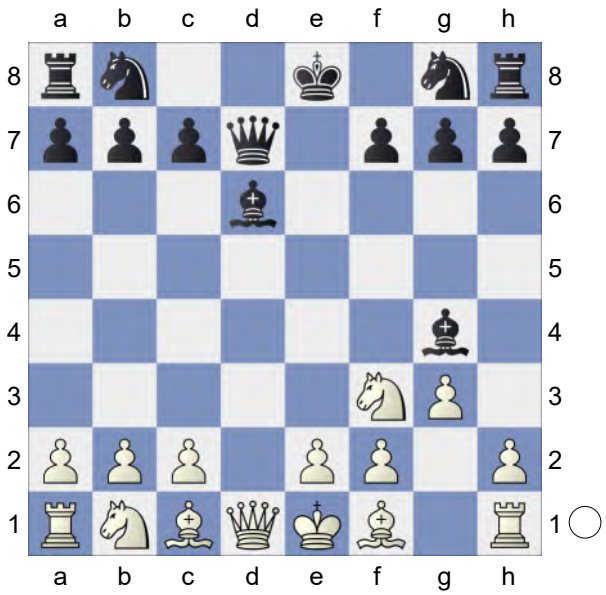
[4...Nf6 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Bf5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.c3 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 g5 11.0-0 h5 12.Qa4 h4 13.e4 Bd7 14.e5 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Nf3 Qf6 17.Rad1 hxg3 18.fxg3 Qh6 19.b4 0-1 (39) Herbrig,A (2325)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (8)]

5.g3N

[5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1 Qxc3+ ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986 20.Kf1 Rxd4 21.Bxd4 Qxd4 22.Rd1 Qf6 23.Qe3 Qc6 24.Bd5 Qa6+ 25.Kg2 Nf6 26.Qc3 Re8 27.Bf3 Ne4 28.Rhe1 Qa4 29.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 30.f3 Bc6 31.Rxe8+ Bxe8 32.Re1 Qd7

33.Qe5 Kd8 34.Re2 Qe6 ½-½ (39) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0223 www.desc-online.de 1999]

5...Qd7



6.h3 Bf5 1.49/19

[⌓6...Bxf3 0.94/19 7.exf3 Nc6]

7.Bg2 Nc6 8.Nd4 0.87/21

[White should play 8.Nc3 1.30/18]

8...Nxd4 1.38/19

[⌓8...Bb4+ 0.87/21 9.c3 Nxd4 *(9...Qxd4? 10.Bxc6+* Remove Defender *bxc6 11.Qxd4+-)*]

9.Qxd4± c5? 2.92/19

[9...Ne7± 1.15/18 keeps fighting.]

10.Qxg7+- 0-0-0

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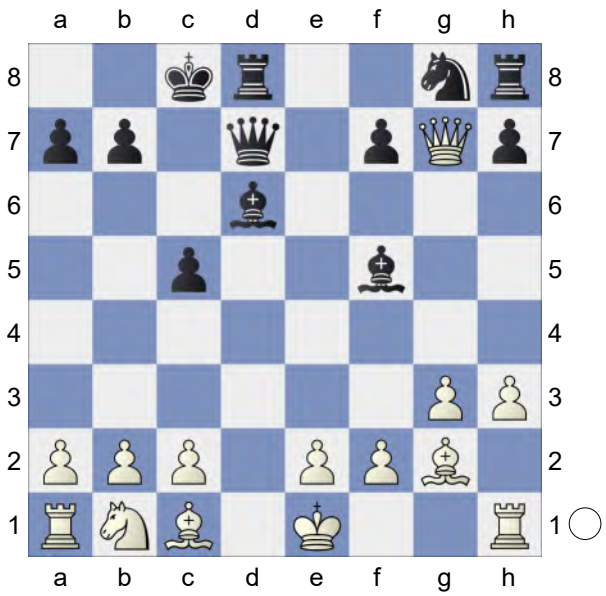


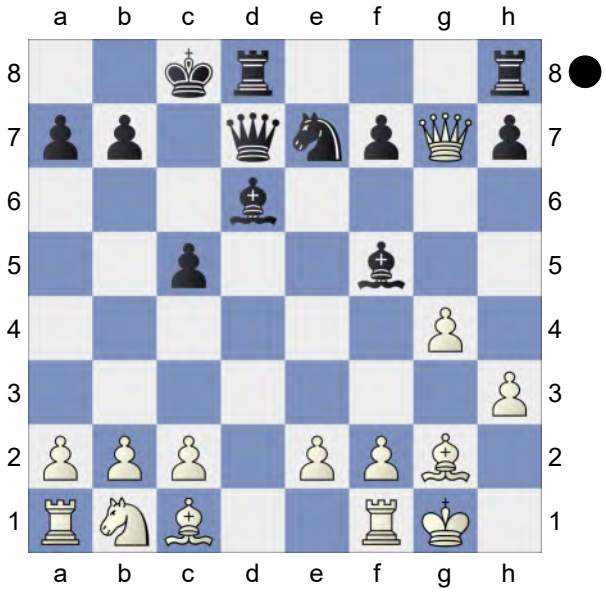
11.0-0

[11.Qxh8? Be5 12.0-0 *(12.Qxe5? Qd1#; 12.Bxb7+? Qxb7 13.f3 Bxh8-+)* 12...Bxh8-+]

11...Ne7 12.g4? -1.05/22

[12.Qxf7 Bxh3 13.Nc3 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Rdf8+-]

[12.Qh6+- 2.27/21]



12...Be6? 1.07/19

[12...h5!∓ -1.05/22 13.gxf5 Nxf5]

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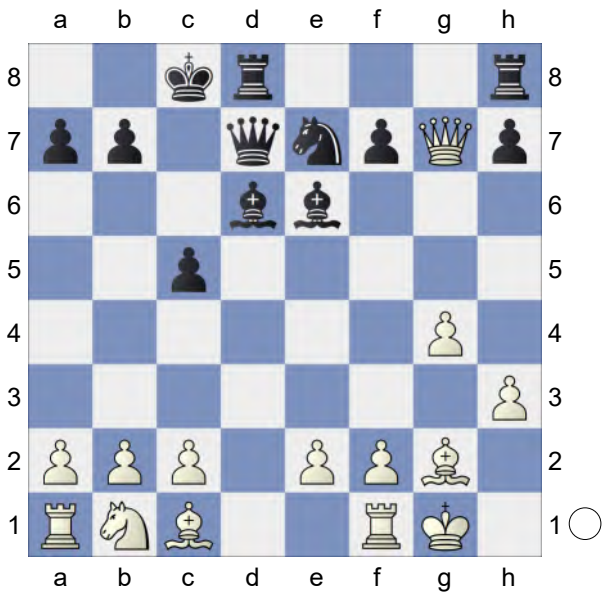

13.Nc3 -0.07/19
[13.Rd1!± 1.07/19]
13...h5↑ and ...Rhg8 would now be decisive. Black is more active. **14.Rd1 hxg4 15.hxg4** -#7/17
[15.h4= 0.06/20 Rhg8 *(15...Rxh4 16.Bf4+- Pin)* 16.Qf6]
15...Rdg8? 0.24/18
[15...Bh2+ -#7/17 mates 16.Kh1 Qxd1+ *(16...Be5+? 17.Qxh8 Rxh8+ 18.Kg1-+)* 17.Nxd1 Rxd1+ 18.Bf1 Rxf1+ 19.Kg2 Rg1+ 20.Kf3 Rh3+ 21.Ke4 Bd5#]

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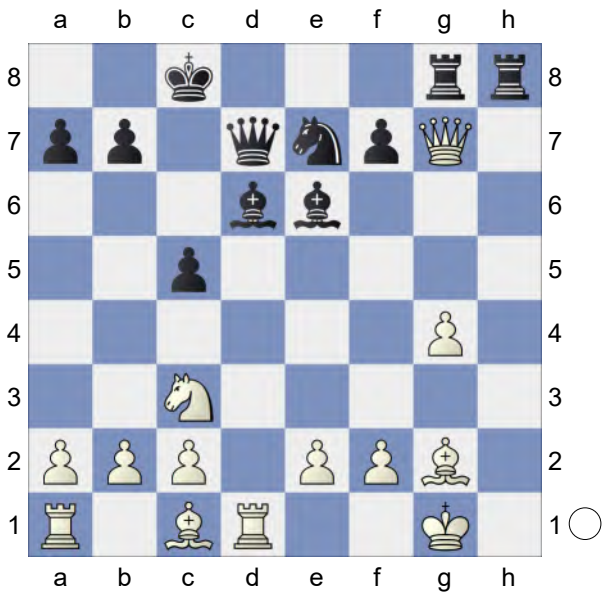

16.Qf6 Qc7? 2.92/22
[Reject 16...Bh2+?! 17.Kf1 Qe8 18.g5±]
[Black should play 16...Nc6!± 0.51/16]
17.Nb5 Bh2+ 18.Kf1 Qb6 19.a4 Nc6 20.Bf4 -3.18/17
[20.Rd6+- 1.92/18 Bxc6! is the strong threat. Bxg4 *(20...Bxd6? 21.Nxd6+ Kb8 22.Bf4+-)* 21.Bxc6 Bxd6 22.Nxd6+ Kb8 23.Bg2 *(23.Nxb7 Rh1+ 24.Kg2 Rxc1=; 23.Bxb7 Bh3+ 24.Ke1 Rg1+ 25.Kd2 Rd8∓; 23.Nxf7 Rh1+ 24.Kg2 Rh5∓)*]
20...Bxf4-+

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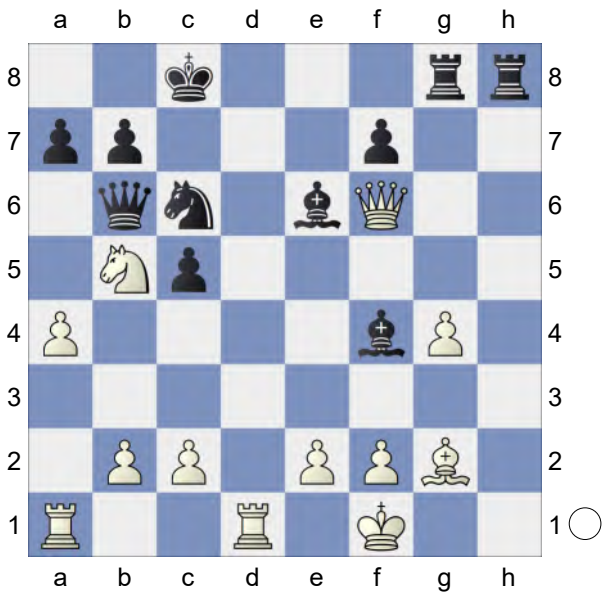

21.Qxf4 Rxg4 22.Nd6+ Kb8 23.Qf6 Rhg8 24.Qf3

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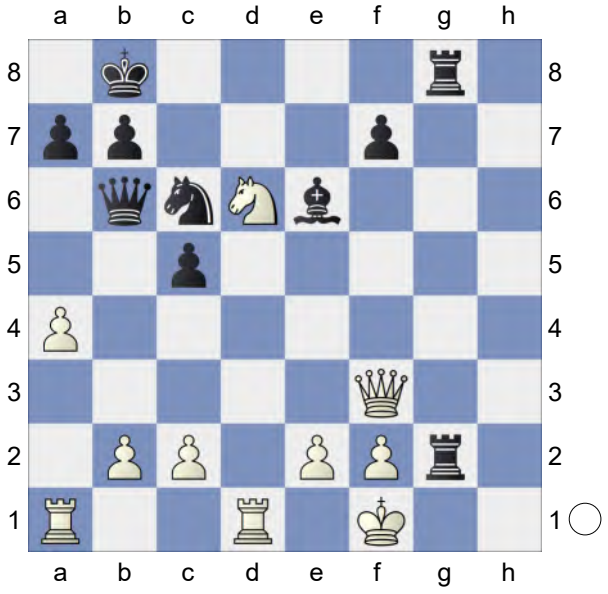
24...Rxg2



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24 **A40**

□ **the_magnificent_bob** **2994**

■ **Hoon_Bot** **2842**

Rapid 28.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

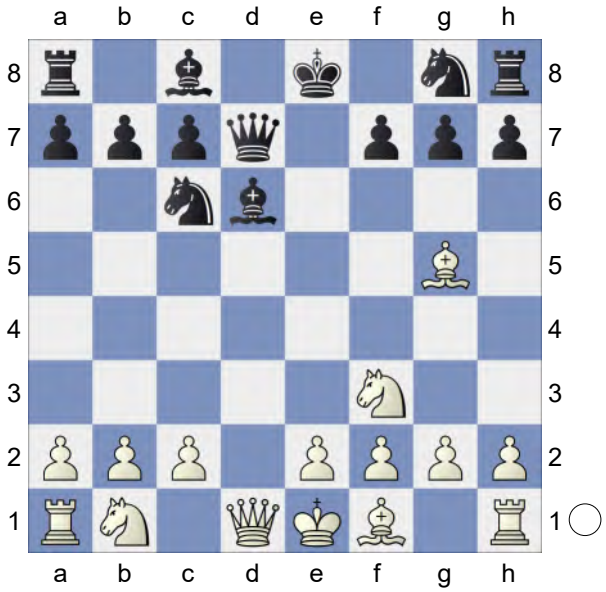
Blitz 10min+3sec

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

1.d4

[1.c4]

1...e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6



6.Nc3 h6 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.Nb5

White is slightly better. **8...Nf5N 9.Nxd6+ Nxd6 10.Bg3 Ne4**

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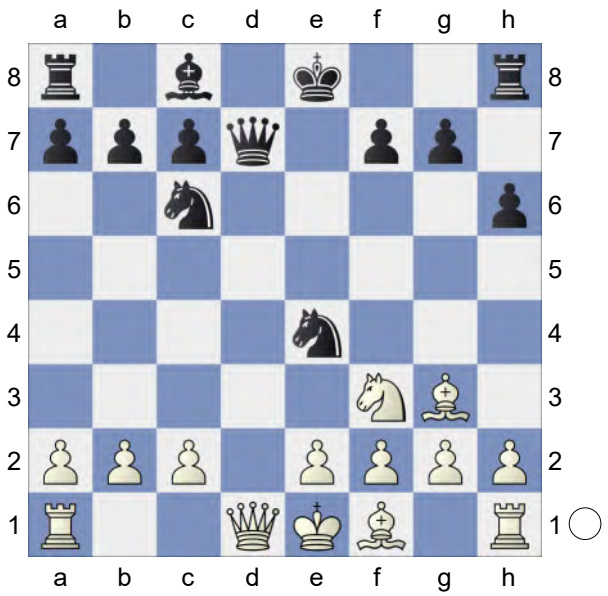
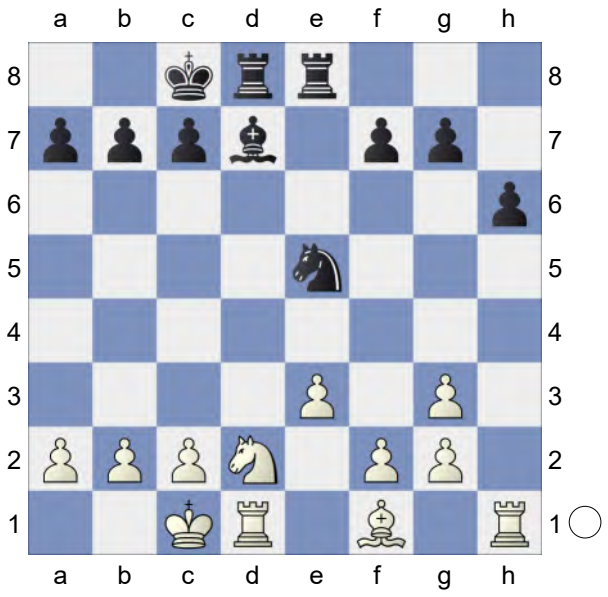


11.Qxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3

[14.fxg3 Bg4±]

14...Rhe8 15.e3 Ne5



16.f3 Inhibits Ng4. **16...f5 17.e4 Re7 18.Re1 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rde8 20.Bd3 Nxd3+**

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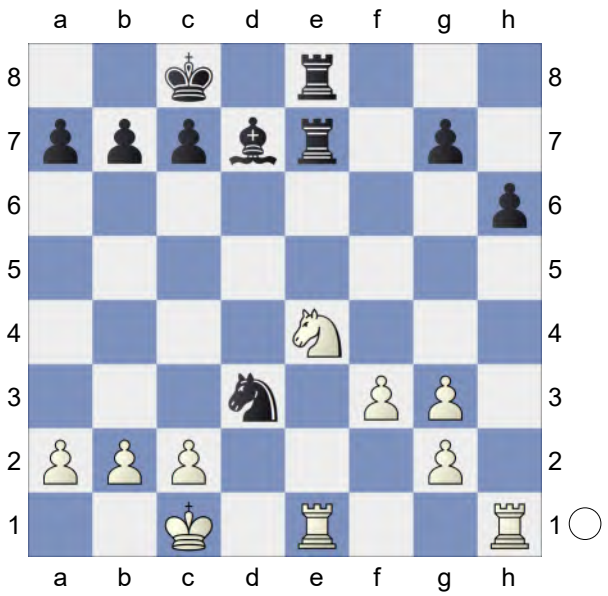

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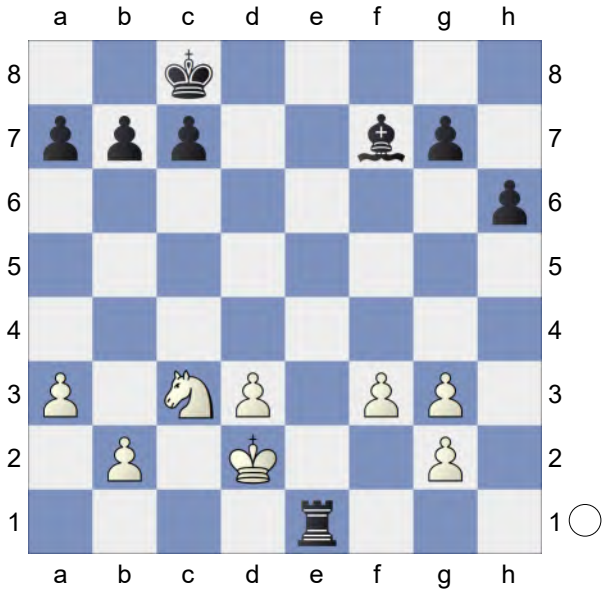
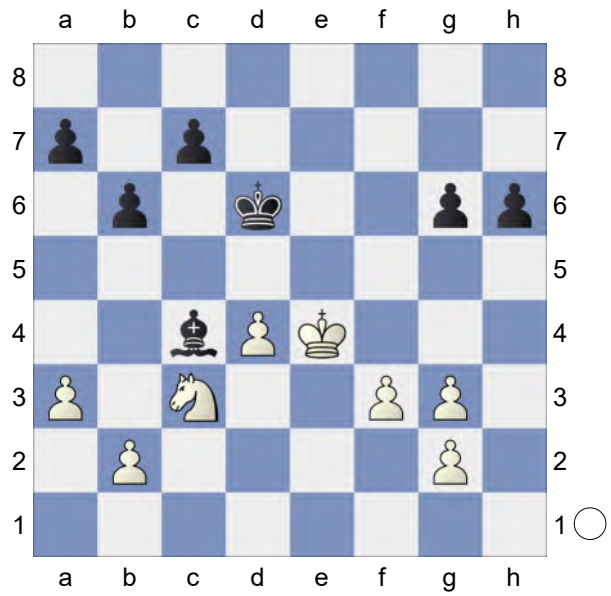
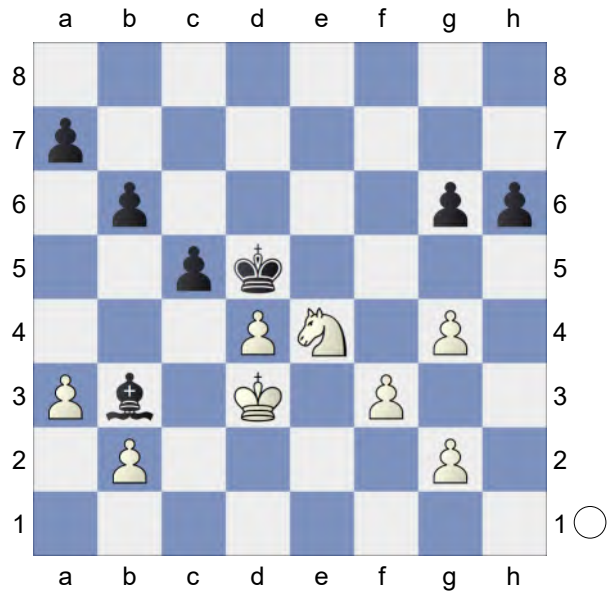


26.Kxe1± Endgame. KB-KN **26...Kd7 27.d4 Bc4 28.Kd2 g6 29.Ke3 b6 30.Ke4 Kd6**

(Diagram)

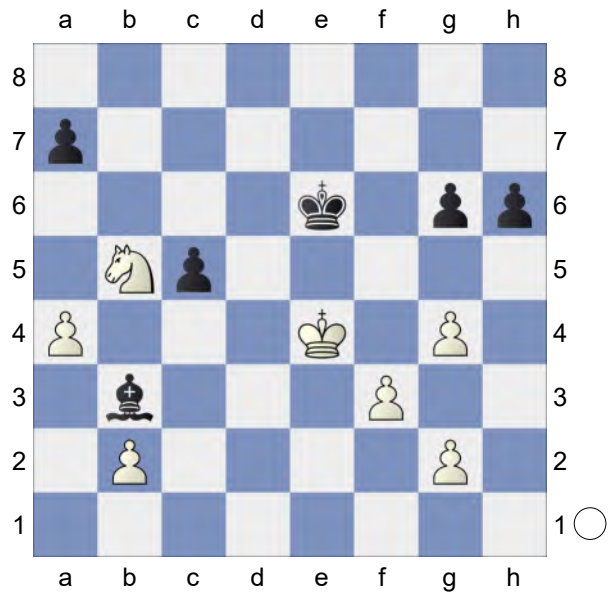


31.g4 c6 32.Nd1 Bd5+ 33.Kd3 c5 34.Nf2 Bb3 35.Ne4+ Kd5

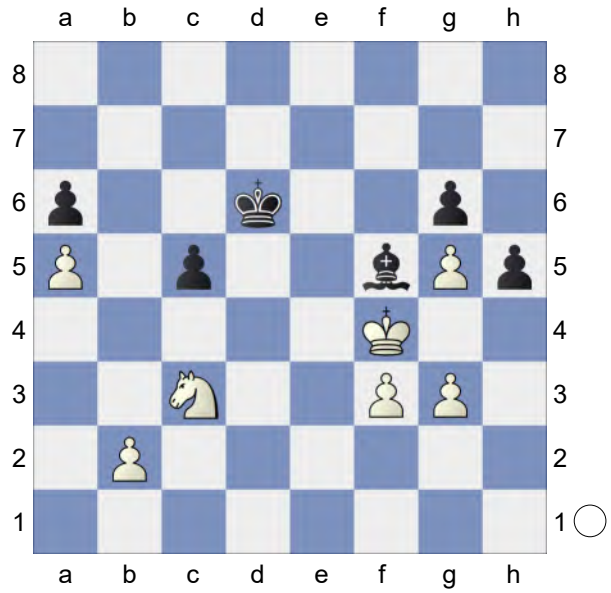


36.Nc3+ Kd6 1.50/22
[⌓36...Ke6 1.00/21 37.Ne2 Kd6]
37.Ke4 Bc4 Against Nb5+ **38.a4** 1.07/23
[⌓38.dxc5+ 1.50/23 bxc5 39.b4]
38...Bb3 2.40/25
[38...a6± 1.07/23]
39.dxc5+ 1.02/24
[39.Nb5++- 2.40/25 has better winning chances. Kc6 40.Nxa7+ Kb7 41.Nb5]

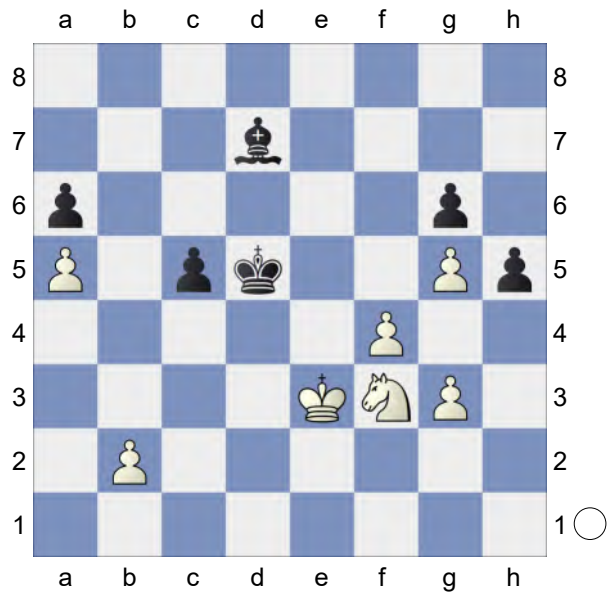
39...bxc5 40.Nb5+ Ke6



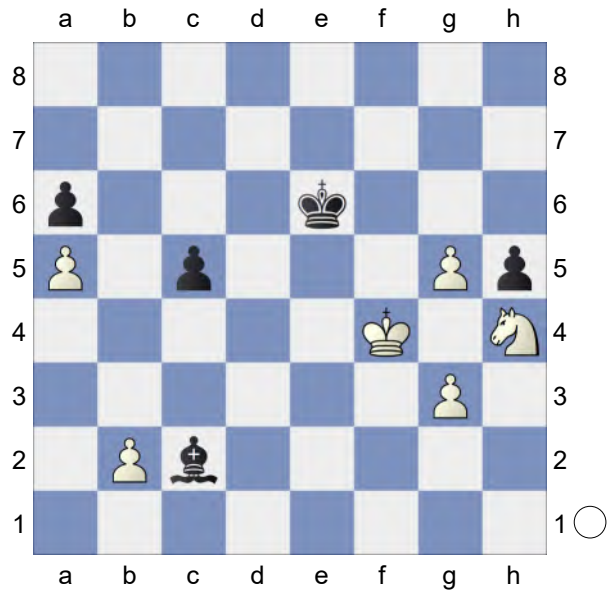
41.a5 a6 42.Nc3 Inhibits Bd5+.
[Much weaker is 42.Nc7+?! Kd6 43.Nxa6 Bc4 44.Nxc5 *(44.Nb8 Kc7=)* 44...Kxc5=]
42...Bc2+ 43.Kf4 Kd6 44.g5 h5 45.g3 Bf5



46.Ne4+ Kd5 47.Ke3 White is more active. **47...Kc6 48.f4 Kd5 49.Nd2 Bh3** 1.98/25
[49...Bc2 1.61/24 was worth a try. 50.Nf3 Bb1]
50.Nf3+- Bd7

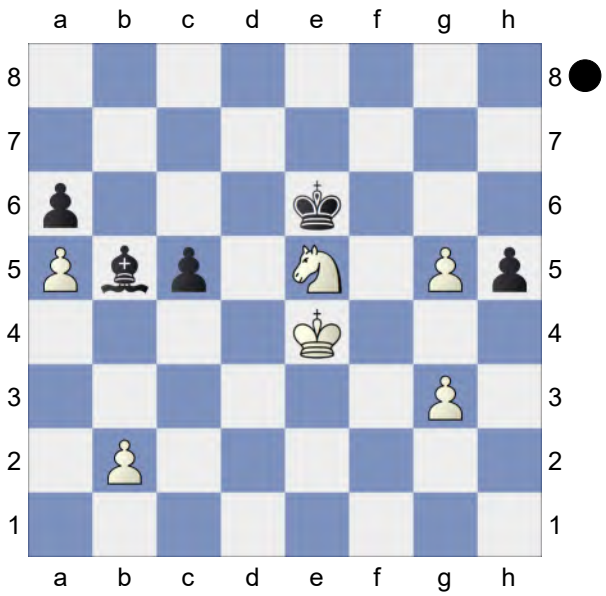


51.Nh4 Be8 52.f5 gxf5 53.Kf4
[Weaker is 53.Nxf5 Ke5 54.Nh4 Ba4±]
53...Ke6 54.Nxf5 Bg6 55.Nh4 Bc2

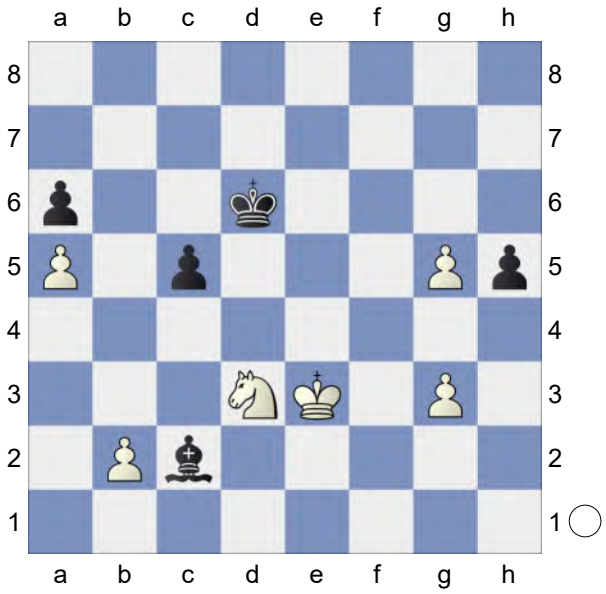


56.Nf3 Bd3 57.Ne5 Bb5 4.01/27
[57...Bf1 2.36/25 58.Ng6 Bd3]
58.Ke4

(Diagram)



And now Nd3 would win. **58...Ba4?** 6.76/25
[58...Bf1 3.46/26 59.Nd3 Bg2+ 60.Kf4 Bf1 61.Nxc5+ Kf7]
59.Nd3 White is clearly winning.
59...Bc2 Hoping for ...c4. **60.Ke3 Kd6**



61.g6 Bb3 62.Nf4 Ke5 63.Nxh5 Threatens to win with g4. **63...Kf5 64.g7 Bc4**

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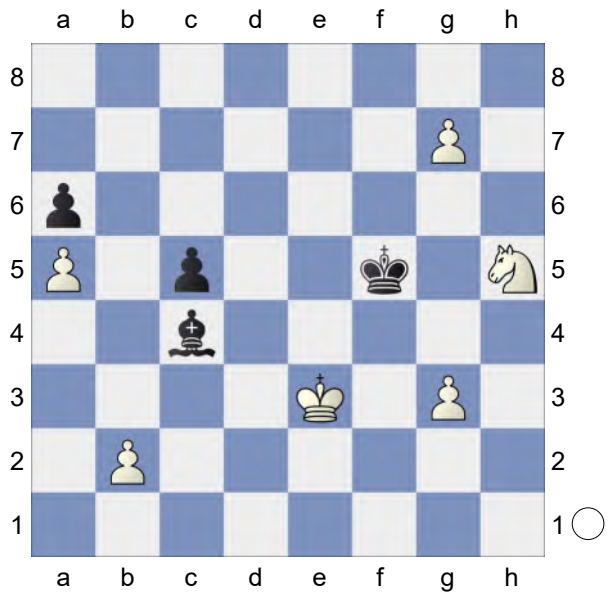
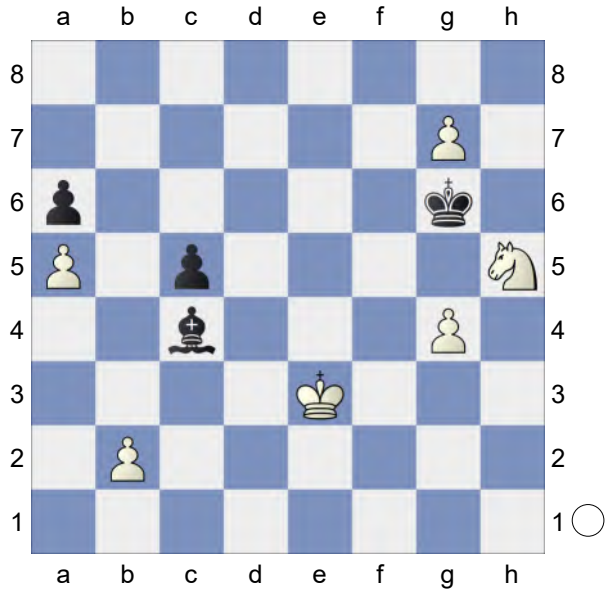


65.g4+! Kg6



66.Kf4 Bf7 67.Ke4 Bb3 68.Ke5 Kf7 69.Nf4

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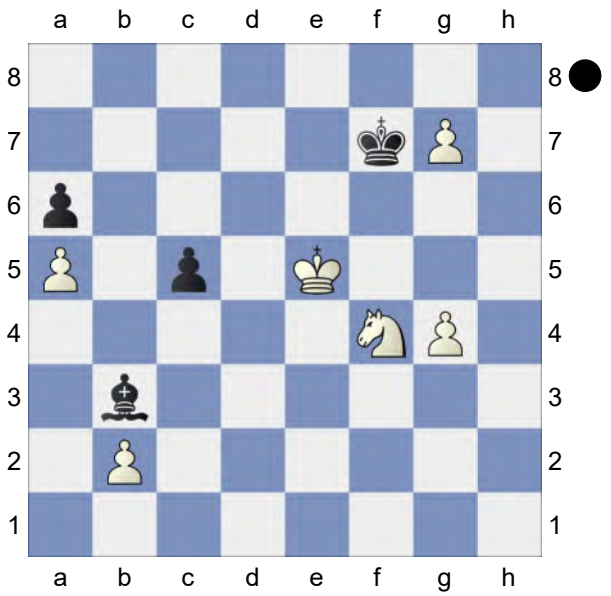

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25 **A40**
□ **ttBOT** **2937**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2817**
Blitz 26.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4.Bg5 Qd7 5.Nc3 Nc6

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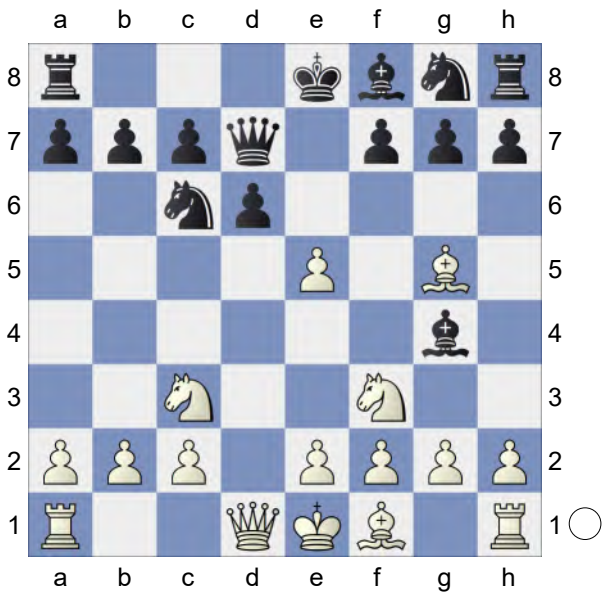
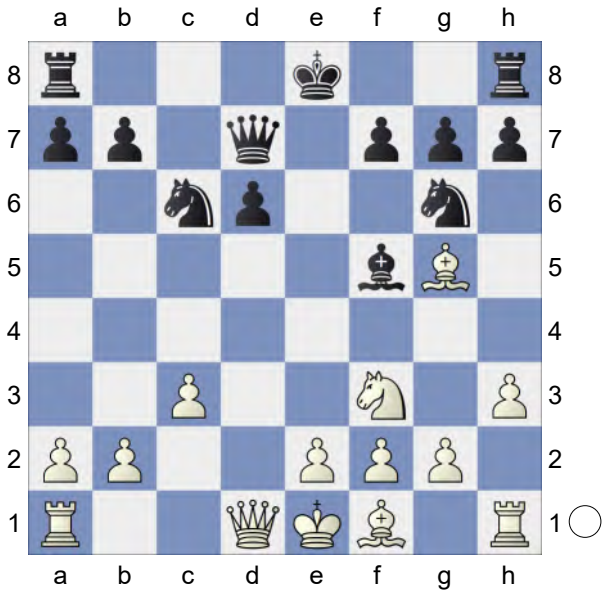


6.exd6N

[6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 20.exf4 Ne7 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]

6...Bxd6 7.Nb5 Nge7 8.h3 White is clearly better. **8...Bf5 9.Nxd6+ cxd6 10.c3** Dodges Nb4 **10...Ng6**



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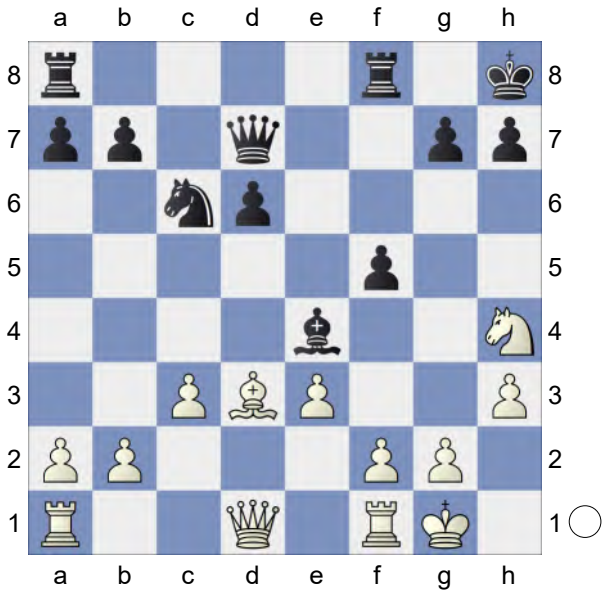

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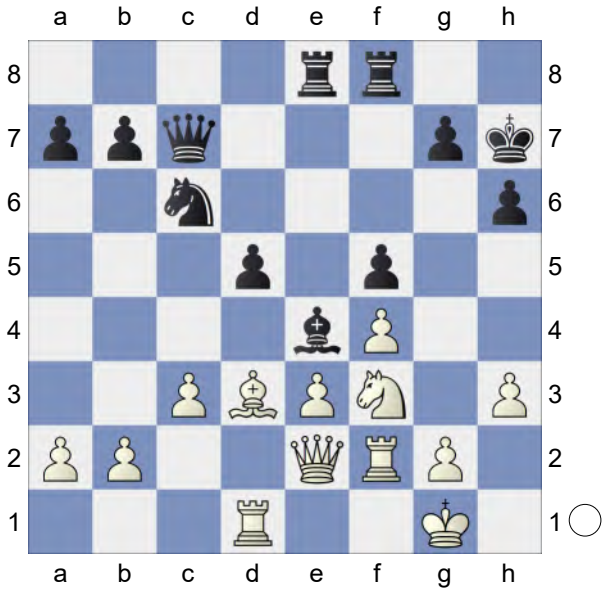

21.Rd2 a6 22.Rf1 Bxd3 23.Qxd3

[23.Rxd3?! Qxf4 24.Qd2 *(24.Rxd5 Rxe3 25.Qc2 Ree8=; 24.exf4 Rxe2 25.Rf2 Rxf2±)* 24...Qc4±]

23...Qb6 24.Rff2

[24.Qxd5 Qxe3+ 25.Rdf2 Qxf4=]

24...Rxe3 25.Qxd5 Ree8

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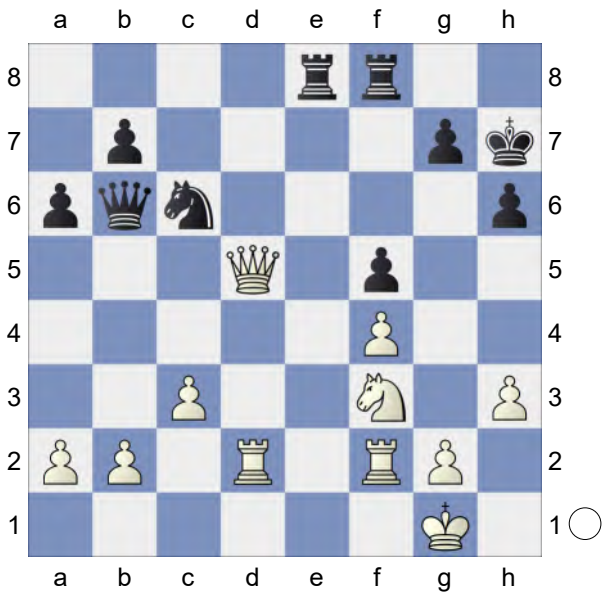
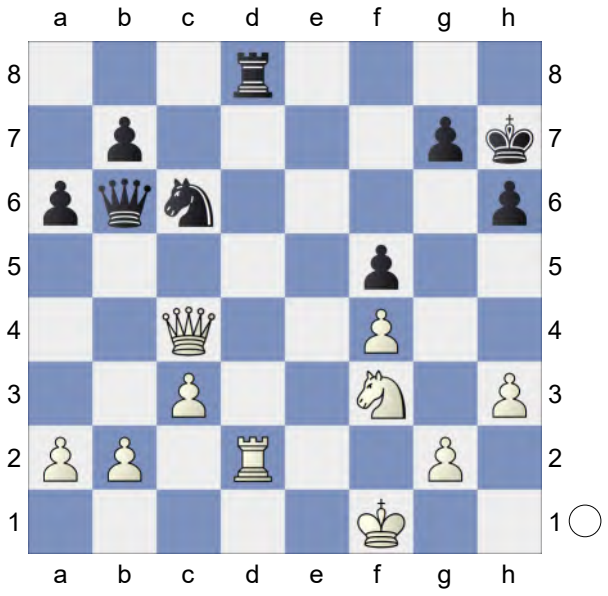


26.Kf1 Rd8 27.Qb3 1.74/20
[27.Qc4± 1.33/20]
27...Qc7+- 28.Qc4 Qb6 29.Rfe2 Rxd2 30.Rxd2
[30.Nxd2 Qxb2 31.Nb3 Qb1+ 32.Kf2 Qd1±]
30...Rd8



31.Rxd8 Qxd8 Endgame KQN-KQN. White is a pawn up. **32.Qe2** Prevents Qd1+. **32...Qd6 33.Qd2 Qe6 34.Qd3 Ne7 35.c4 Ng6**

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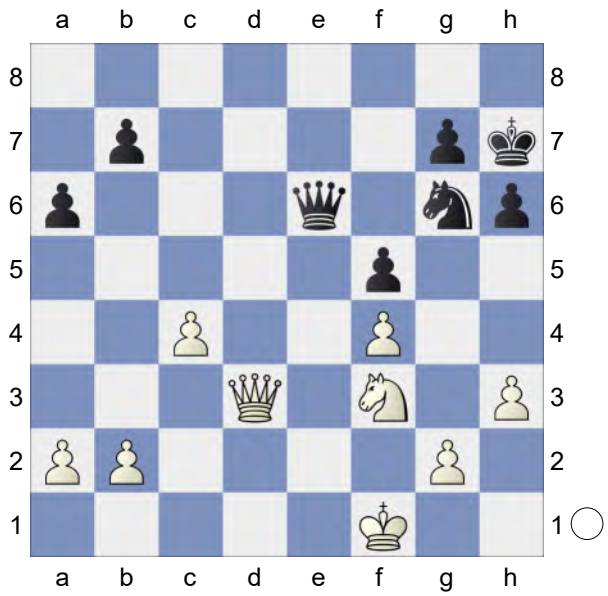
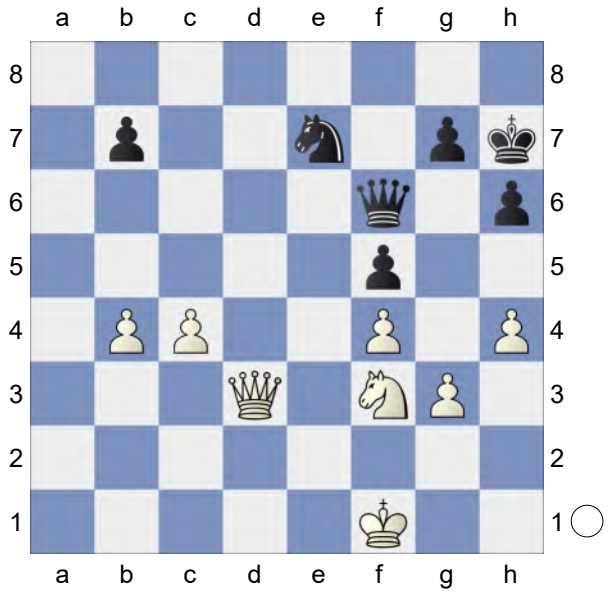


36.g3 a5 2.31/21
[36...b5 1.69/19 was worth a try.]
37.h4 a4 2.38/19
[⌓37...Ne7 1.92/19 38.b3 Nc6]
38.b4 axb3 39.axb3 Ne7 40.b4 Qf6



41.b5 Qb2 42.h5 Kh8 43.Nh4 Qf6 44.Ke2 b6 45.Ke3 Qa1 5.21/19
[45...Qe6+ 3.14/19 46.Kf2 Qf6]

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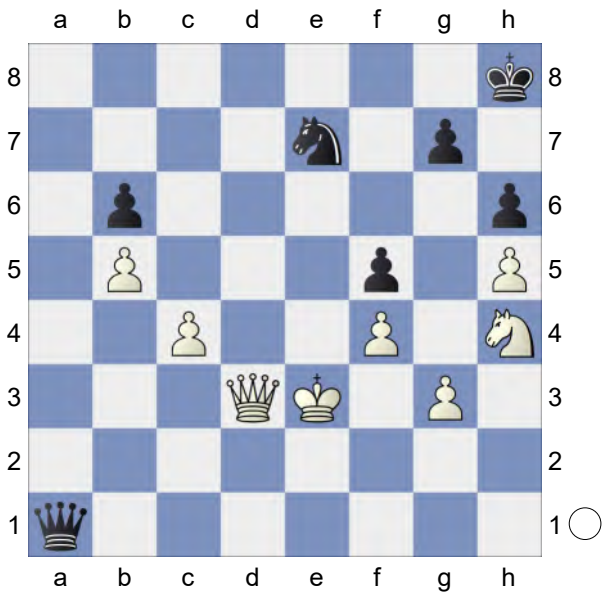
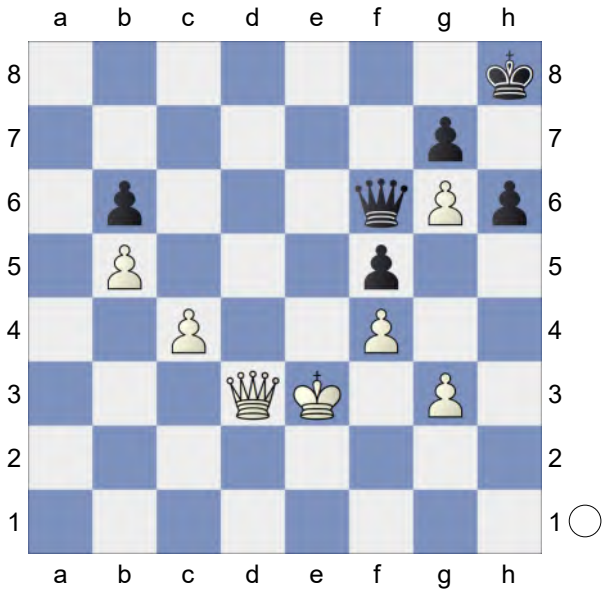


46.Ng6+

[Not 46.Nxf5 Qe1+ 47.Kd4 Nxf5+ 48.Qxf5 Qf2+ 49.Ke4 Qc2+ 50.Ke5 Qxc4±]

46...Nxg6 47.hxg6 KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **47...Qf6**



Inhibits Qd8+. **48.g4! Qxg6 49.Qxf5 Qe8+ 50.Qe4 Qc8**

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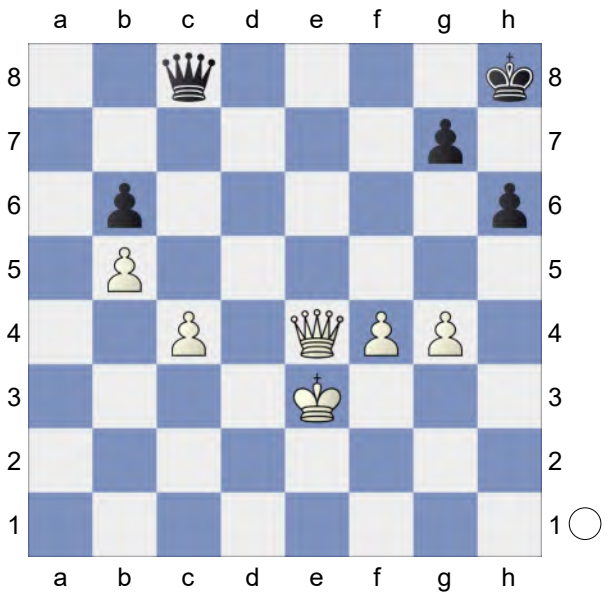

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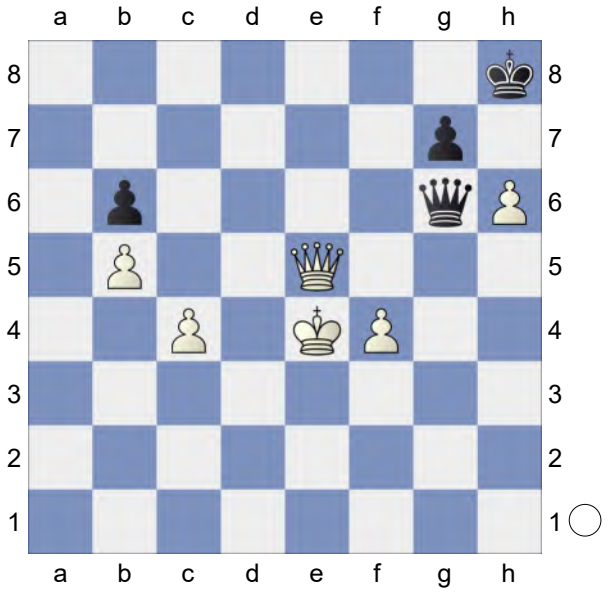

56.Kd5 Qxh6 57.Qe8+ Kh7 58.Qe4+

[58.c5 bxc5 59.Qe4+ *(59.Kxc5 Qxf4 60.Qh5+ Kg8±)* 59...Kh8 60.Kxc5 Qh3+-]

58...Kh8 59.f5 Qd2+ 60.Kc6

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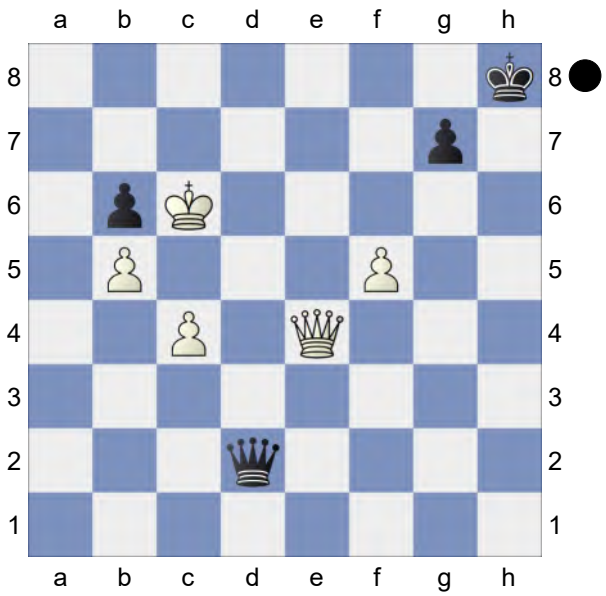
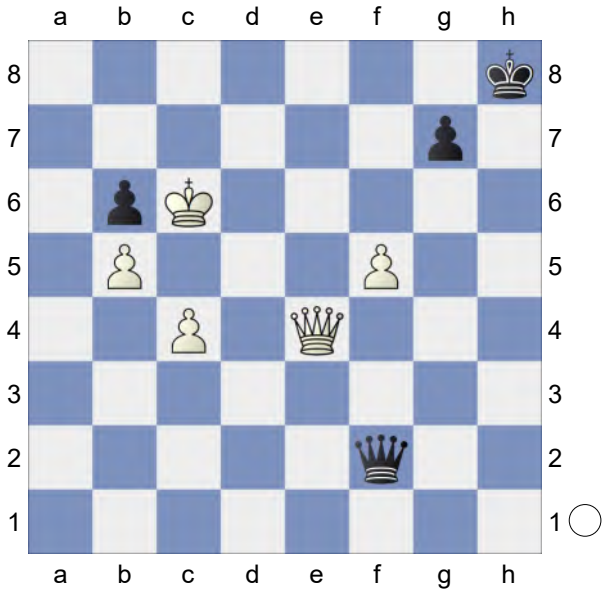


Black must now prevent Qh1+. **60...Qf2**



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63.Qg6+

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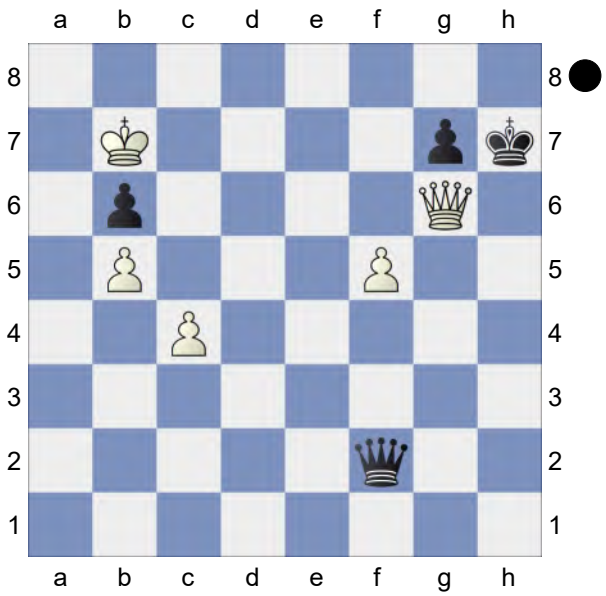

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26 **A40**

□ **VariantsTop** **2982**

■ **Hoon_Bot** **2848**

Rapid 19.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min

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4.Bg5 Qd7 5.Nc3 Nc6

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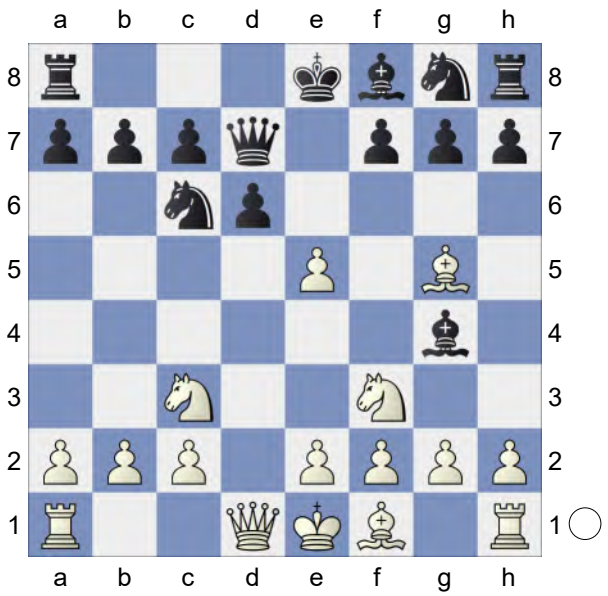

6.exd6N

[6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 20.exf4 Ne7 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]

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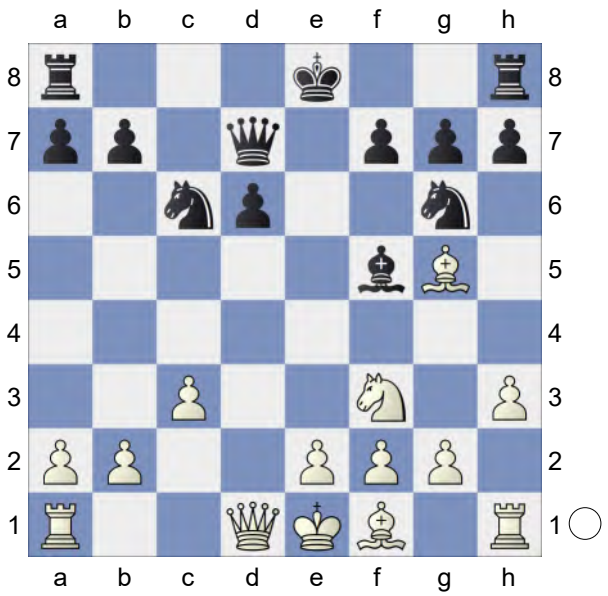

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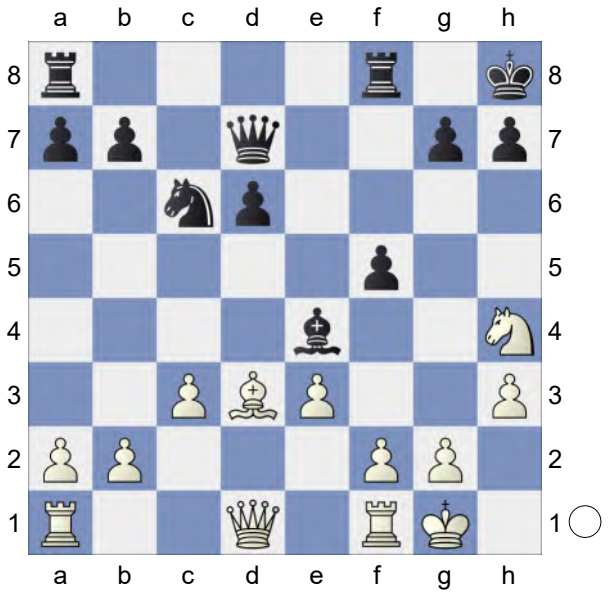

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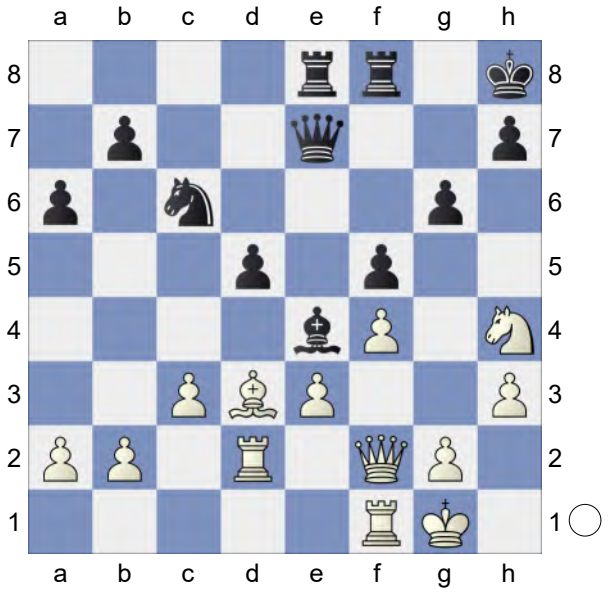

21.Rfd1 Rf7 22.Kh2 g5 23.Nf3 gxf4 24.exf4 Rg7 25.g3 Reg8

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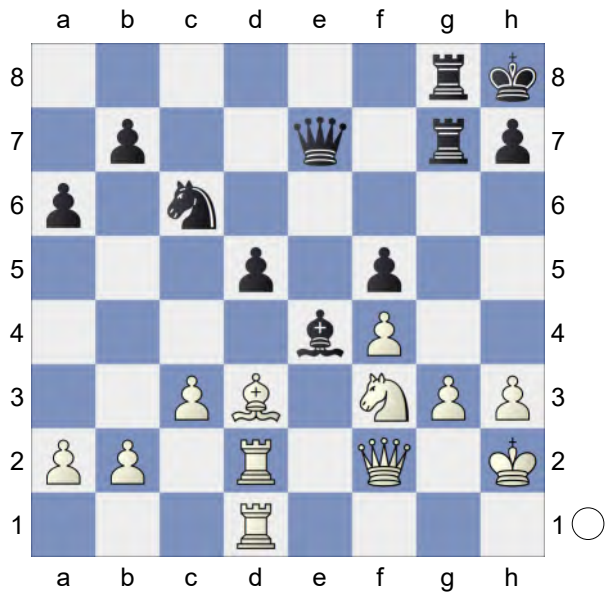
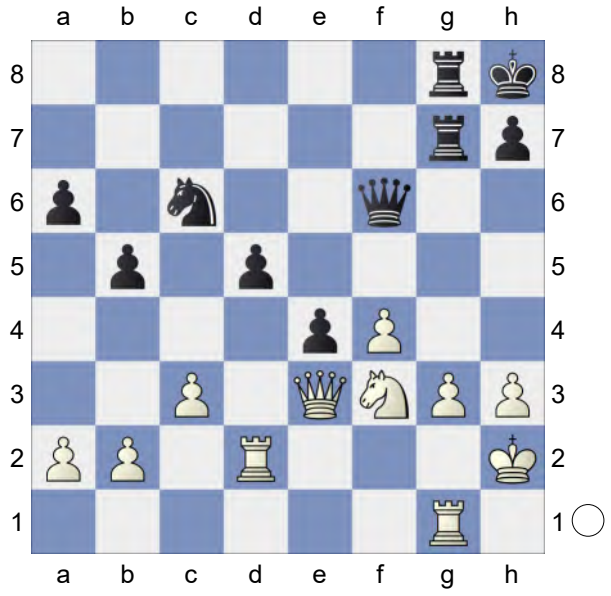


26.Rg1 b5 27.Qe3 Qf6 28.Bxe4 fxe4



29.Nd4 Rd8 30.Nxc6 Qxc6

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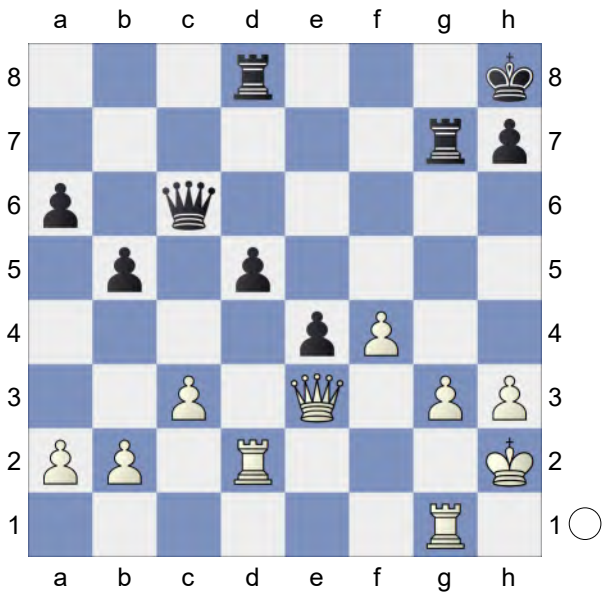

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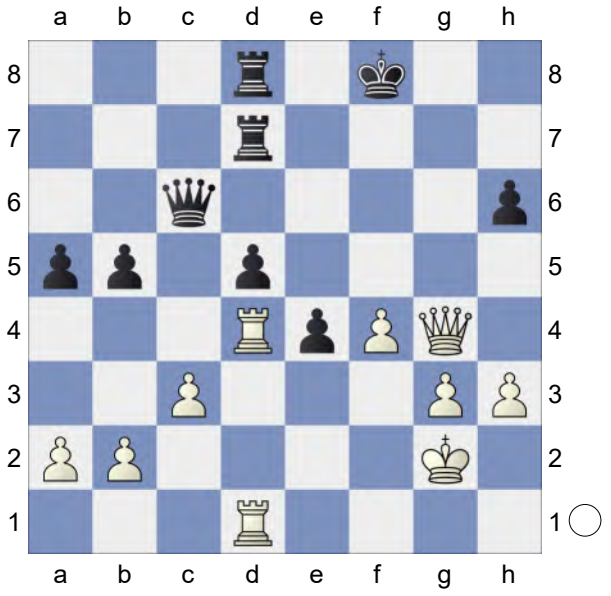

36.a3 Kf7 37.f5 Rd6 38.Qf4 R6d7 39.h4 Re7 3.21/17

[39...Re8 2.17/16 40.R1d2 Red8]

40.g4+- Ree8

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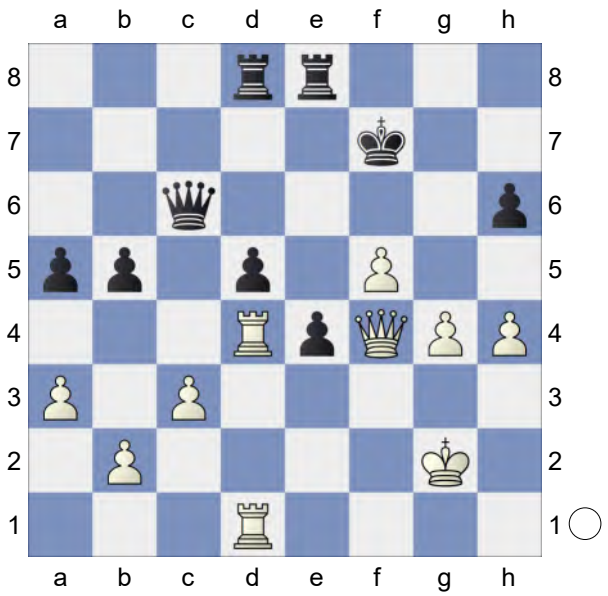


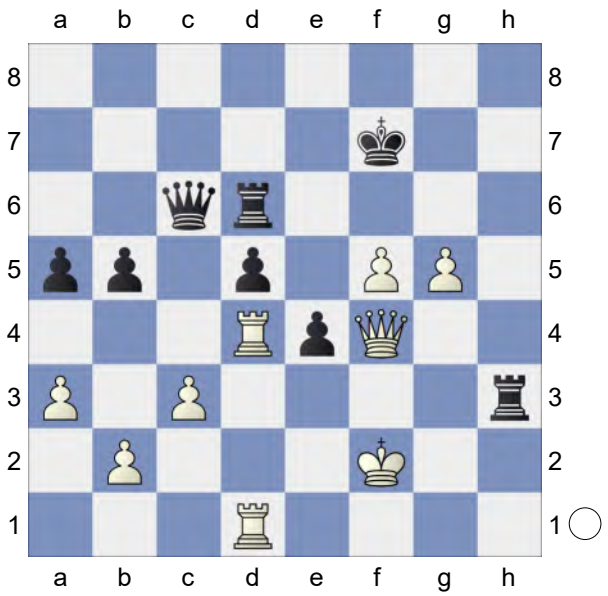
41.g5 Rd6 42.Qg4 Rg8 43.Kf2 hxg5 44.hxg5 Rh8 Prevents Rh1 **45.Qf4** Dodges Rh2+

[45.Ke3 Rh2 46.R1d2 Rdh6 47.g6+ *(47.gxh6? Qxh6+ 48.Qf4 Qh3+)* 47...Kg7 48.Rxh2 *(48.Rxd5 R6h3+ 49.Kf4 Qc7+ 50.Rd6 Rf3+ 51.Kxe4 Rxd2+-)* 48...Rxh2+-]

45...Rh3 5.28/16

[45...Rdd8 3.49/15 is a better defense. 46.Qe5 e3+ 47.Ke2 *(47.Kxe3? Rhe8-+* Pin*; 47.Qxe3 Rh2+ 48.Kg1 Rh5+-)* 47...Rde8]

(Diagram)

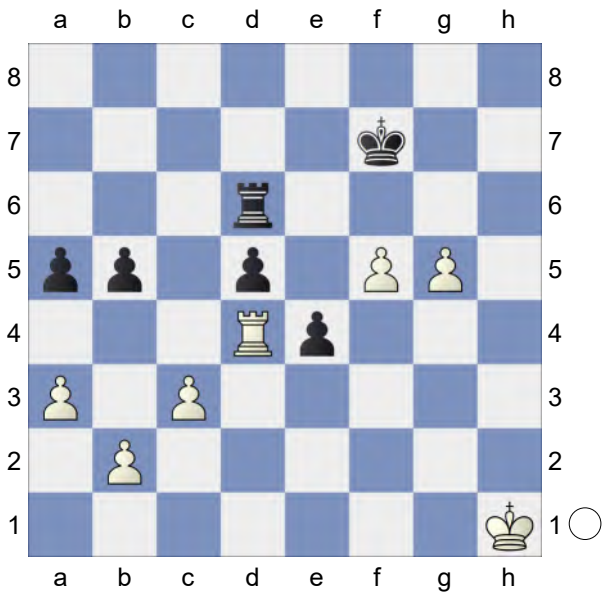


46.Kg2 White is clearly winning.

[Weaker is 46.Rxe4 dxe4 47.Rxd6 *(47.Qxd6* is a self mate. *e3+ 48.Ke1 Qh1+ 49.Ke2 Qf3+* Deflection *50.Kd3 Qxd1+ 51.Ke4 Qxd6 52.g6+ Kf6 53.g7 e2 54.g8N+ Kg5 55.f6 e1Q#)* 47...e3+ 48.Ke1 *(48.Qxe3? Rh2+* Skewer *49.Kg3 Qxd6+ 50.Kg4 Rg2+ 51.Kf3 Rg3+ 52.Kf2 Rxe3-+)* 48...Qh1+ 49.Qf1 *(49.Ke2? Rh2+* Skewer *50.Kxe3 Qc1+ 51.Ke4 Re2+* Deflection *52.Kd5 Qxf4-+)* 49...Qh2 50.Rd7+ Kf8 51.Rd8+ *(51.Qxb5? Qf2+ 52.Kd1 Rh1+)* 51...Kf7 52.Rd7+ *(52.Qxb5? Qf2+ 53.Kd1 Rh1+)* 52...Ke8=]

46...Rh5 47.Rh1 Rxh1 48.Kxh1 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **48...Rd8 49.Qe5 Qd6 50.Qxd6 Rxd6**

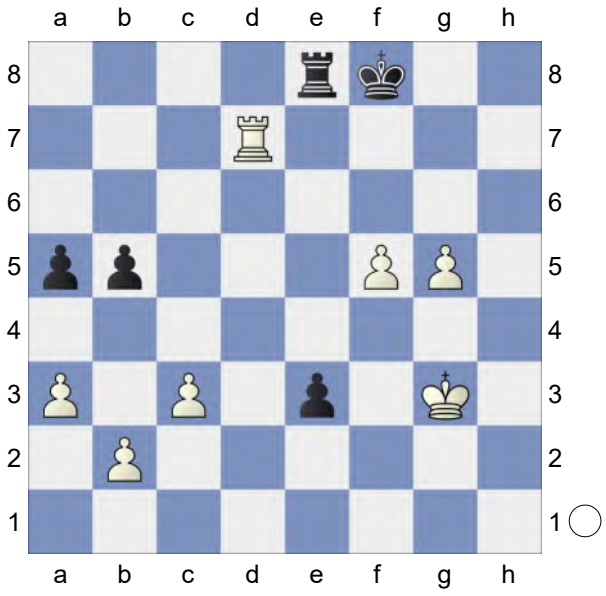
(Diagram)



KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **51.Kh2 Rd8 52.Kg3 Re8 53.Rxd5 e3 54.Rd7+**

[54.Rxb5? e2 55.Kg4 e1Q-+ *(55...e1B? loses. 56.g6+ Kg8 57.f6+-)*]

54...Kf8



...e2 would now be deadly. **55.Rd1! e2**

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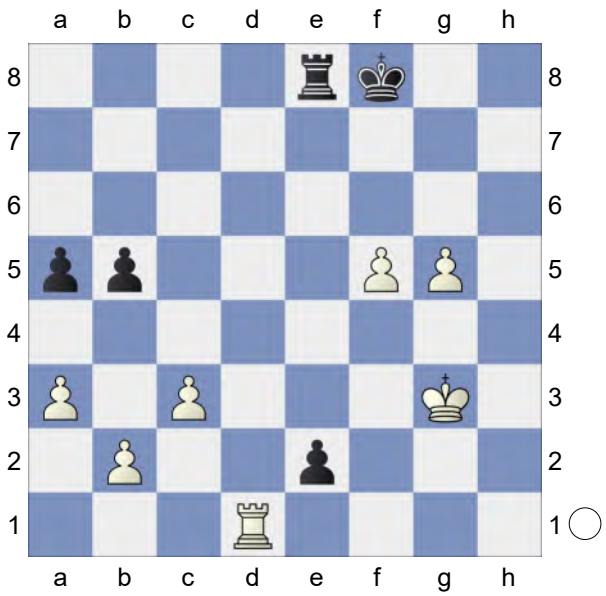
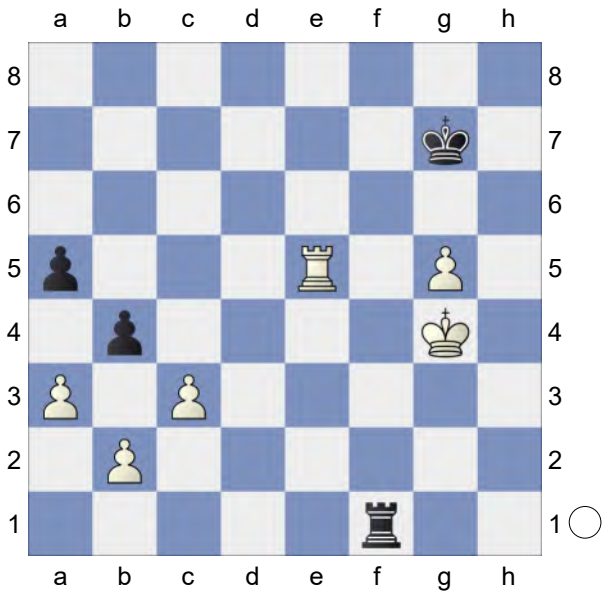


56.Re1 Kg7 57.Kf3 Re5 58.Rxe2 Rxf5+ 59.Kg4 Rf1 60.Re5 b4



61.axb4 axb4

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62.cxb4

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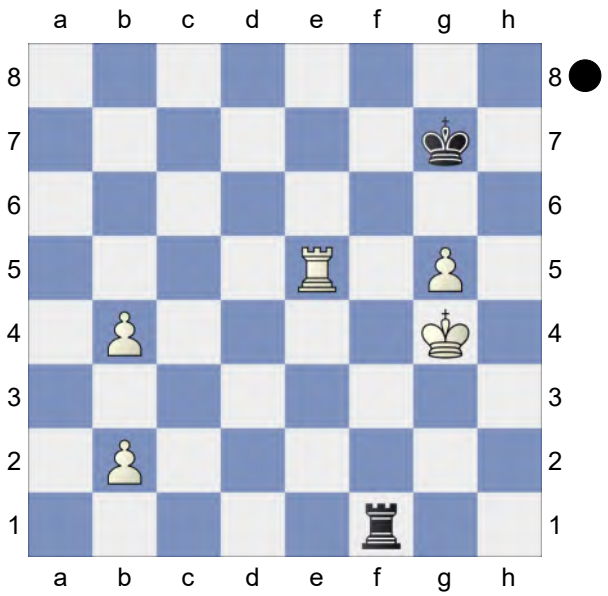

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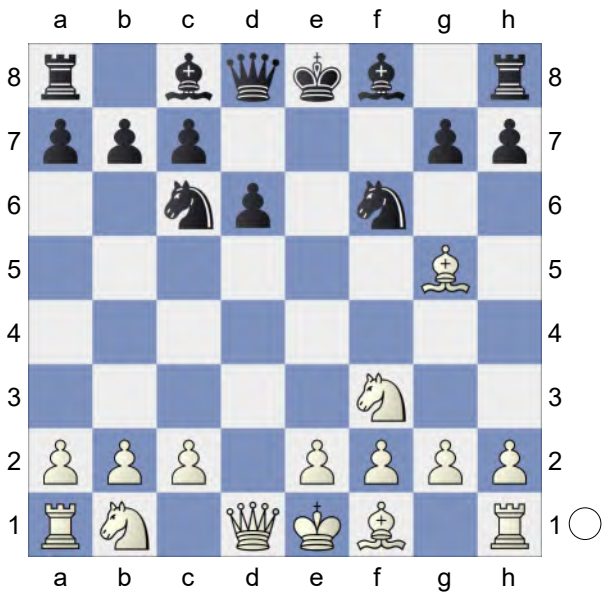
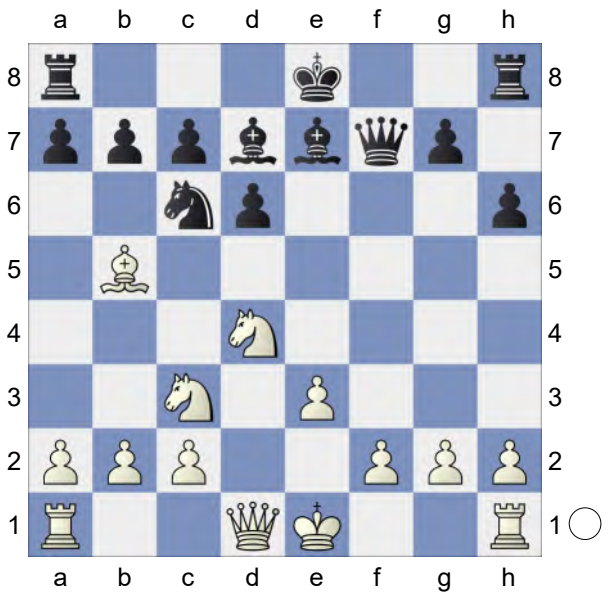
27 **A40**
□ **The_Magnificent_Bob** **2977**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2843**
Rapid 17.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+3sec
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 f6
[4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
5.exf6 Nxf6

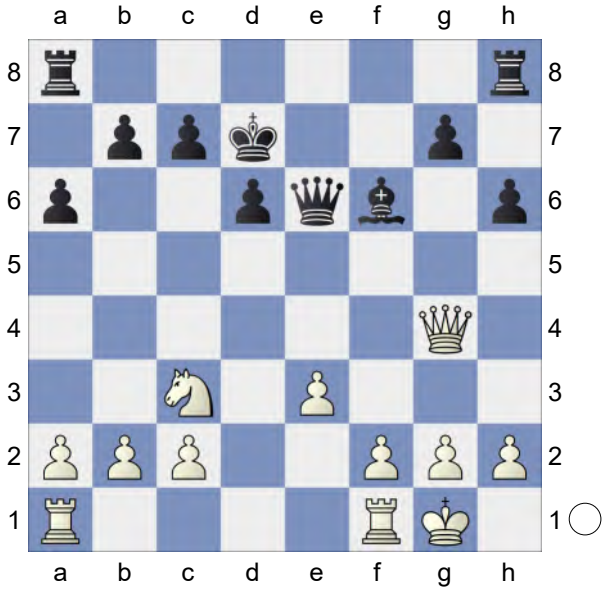
(Diagram)



6.e3 h6N
[6...Be7
A) 7.Bd3 Be6 *(7...0-0 8.Nc3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Ne5 11.Qxb7 Rb8 12.Qxa7 Rxb2 13.0-0 Nxd3 14.cxd3 d5 15.Rab1 Rd2 16.Rb7 Rxd3 17.Rxc7* 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023*)* 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3 g5 18.f4 Ng6 19.Bxh5 gxf4 20.Bg4 Qe5 21.exf4 Nxf4 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024;
B) 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.c3 Bg4 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 Kh8 11.Qa4 Bh5 12.0-0 a6 13.Rfe1 b5 14.Qc2 Ne5 15.Rad1 Bg6 16.Qb3 Nxf3+ 17.Nxf3 Ng4 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.h3 Ne5 20.Qd5 Rad8 21.Nd4 1-0 (64) Joven Jubilado (2554)-Yagermeistervariants (2508) Blitz 2024]
7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nc3 White is clearly better. **8...Qf7 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Nd4 Be7**
(Diagram)

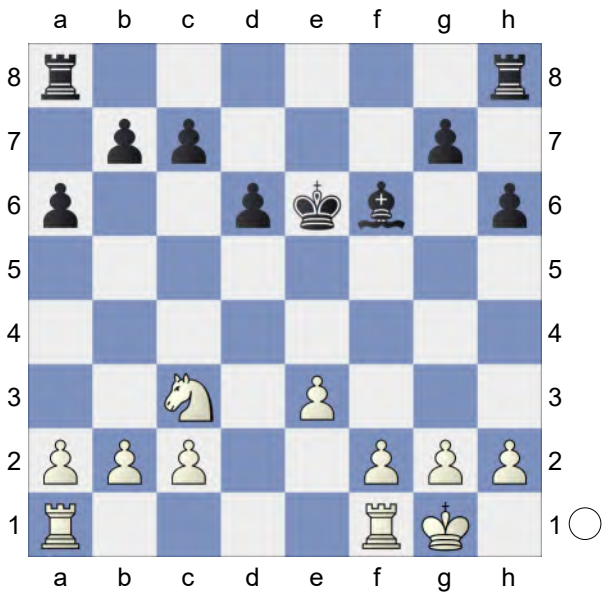


11.0-0 a6 12.Ba4 Nxd4 13.Bxd7+
[13.Qxd4 Bxa4 14.Qxa4+ c6±]
13...Kxd7 14.Qxd4
[14.exd4 Rhf8±]
14...Bf6 15.Qg4+ Qe6

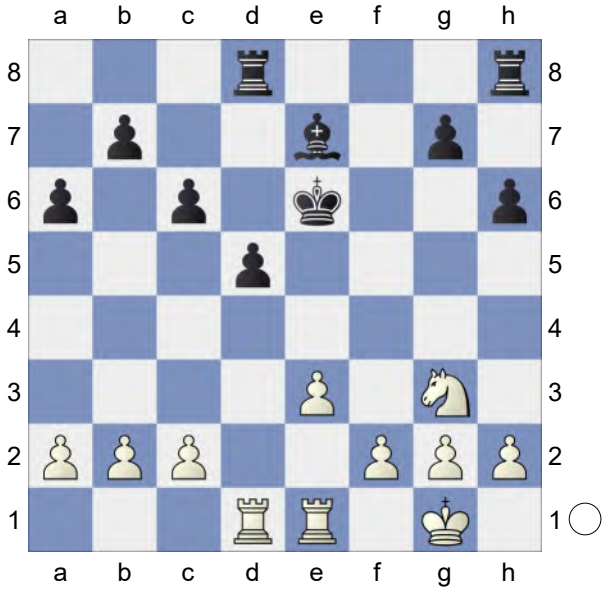


16.Qxe6+ 1.06/15
[⌓16.Qb4 1.55/20]
16...Kxe6±

(Diagram)

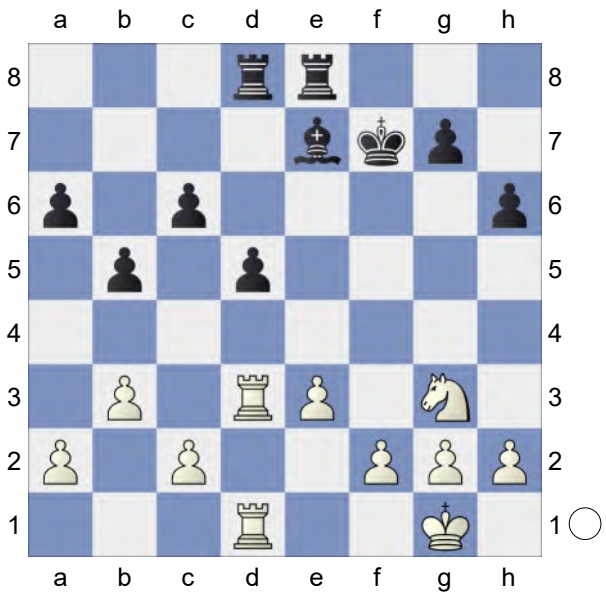


17.Ne4! Be7 1.54/5
[⌓17...Bxb2 0.93/10 18.Rab1 Be5]
18.Rad1 d5 1.80/7
[18...a5± 1.41/18 is a better defense.
19.c4 Bd8]
19.Ng3 c6 20.Rfe1 Rad8



21.Rd3 Kf7 22.Rb3 Rd7 23.Rd1 Re8
24.Rbd3 b5 25.b3 Rdd8

(Diagram)



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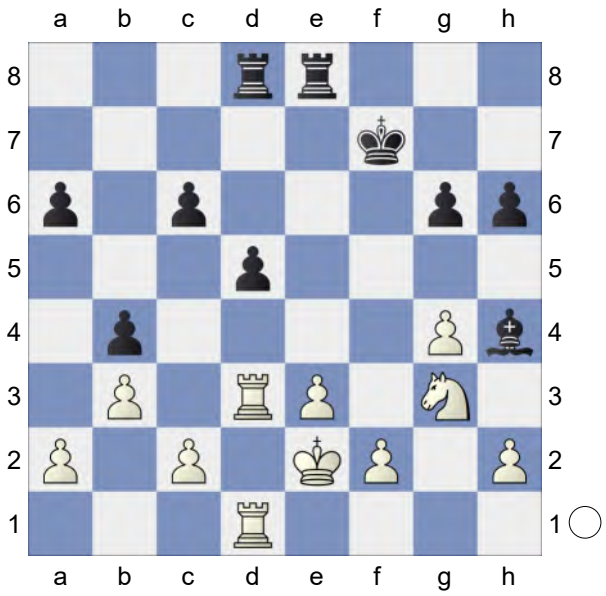
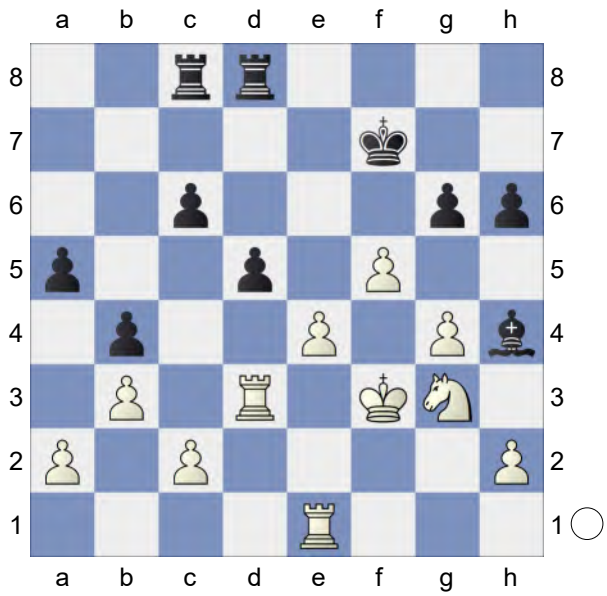
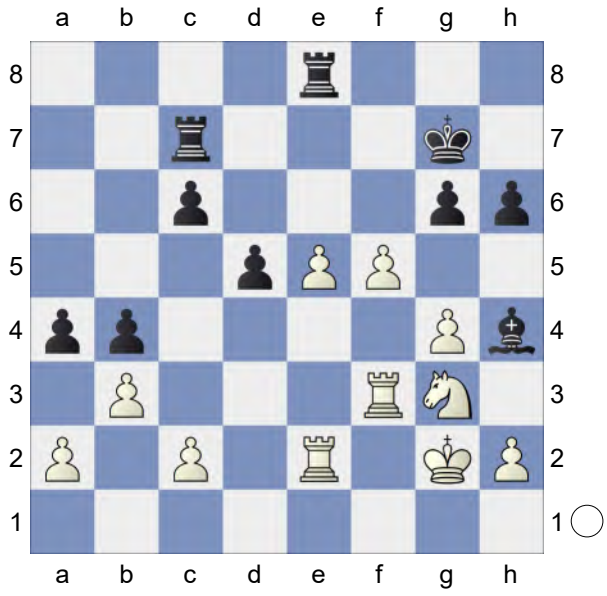


31.f4 a5 32.Kf3 Rc8 33.Re1 1.49/17
[Better is 33.c4+- 1.92/18]
33...Red8 1.94/20
[33...Re4± 1.49/17 34.c4 bxc3]
34.e4+- Kg7 35.f5 Kf7

(Diagram)



36.Ree3 Kg7 37.Re2
[37.e5 Bg5 38.Re2 Rf8=]
37...Rc7 38.e5 Rf8 39.Kg2 a4 40.Rf3
[40.bxa4 Ra8 41.Rd4 Rxa4±]
40...Re8



41.e6
[Don't do 41.bxa4?! Ra7 42.Kh3 Bg5+-]
41...axb3 42.axb3 Rce7 43.fxg6

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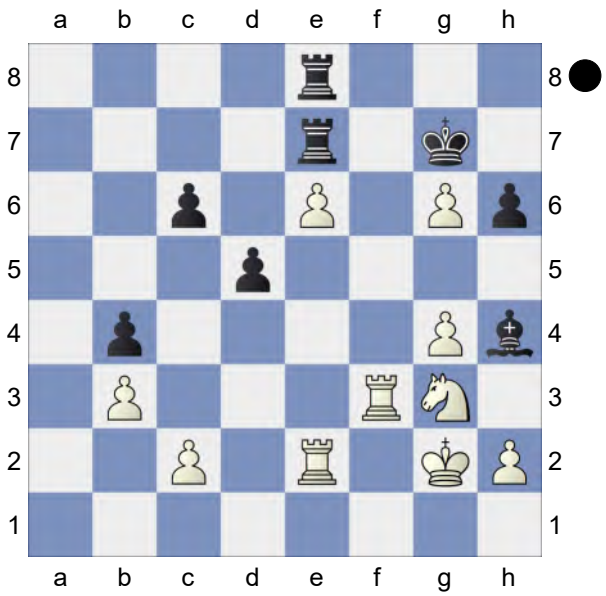
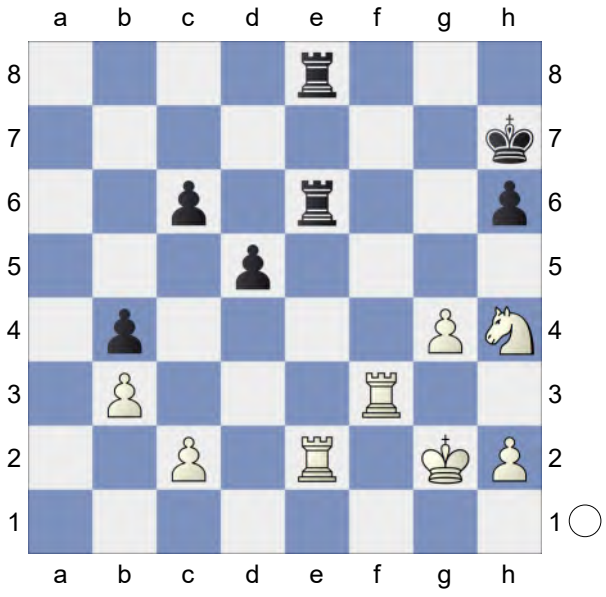


Remove Defender **43...Kxg6** 4.75/22
[43...Bxg3 2.05/20 44.Rf7+ *(44.Rxg3 Rxe6 45.Rf2 Re3=)* 44...Kxg6 45.Rxe7 *(45.Kxg3 Rxe6 46.Ref2 Re3+ 47.Kh4 R8e6=)* 45...Rxe7 46.Kxg3 Kg5]
44.Nf5 White is clearly winning.
44...Rxe6 45.Nxh4+ Kh7



46.Rxe6 Rxe6 Endgame KRN-KR
47.Nf5 Re2+ 48.Rf2 Re1 49.Kf3 c5 50.h4 h5

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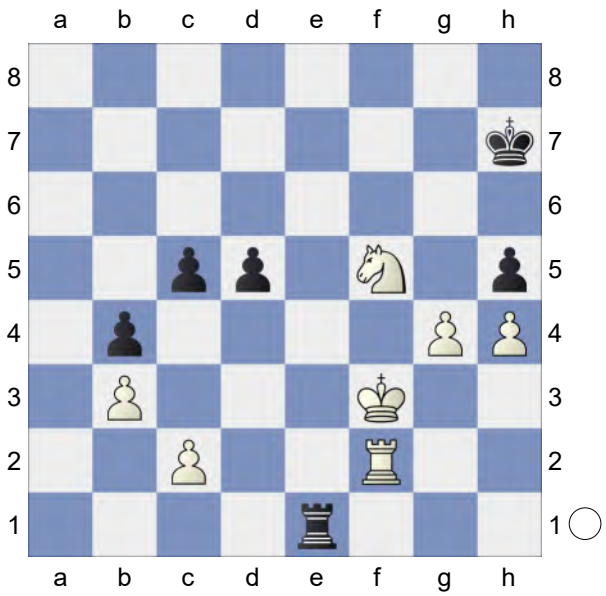
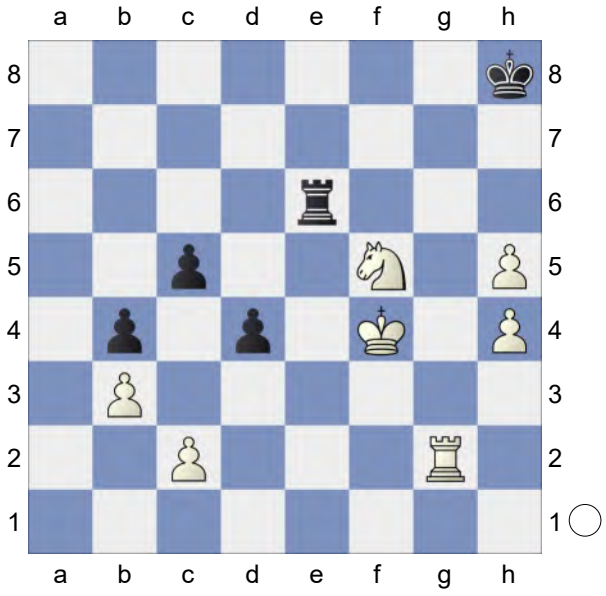


51.gxh5 Re5 52.Kf4 Re4+ 53.Kg5 Re6 54.Rg2 d4 55.Kf4 Kh8



56.Rg7 c4 57.bxc4 Re2 58.h6 Black must now prevent Ne7. **58...Re6 59.Kg5 d3 60.cxd3** White threatens Ne7 and mate. **60...b3**

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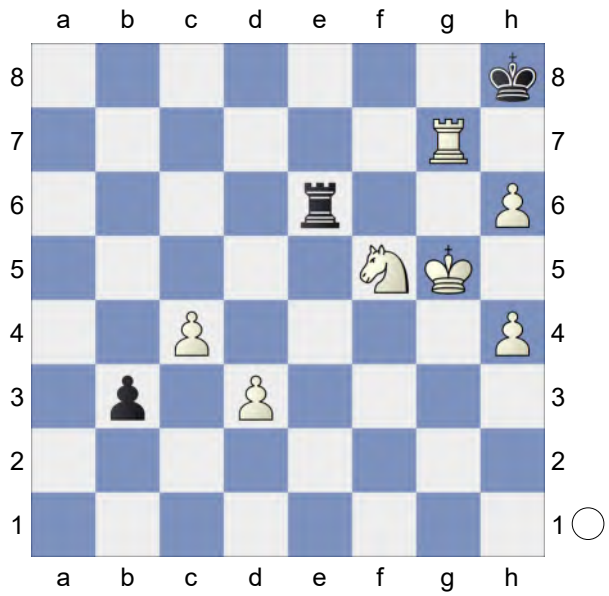

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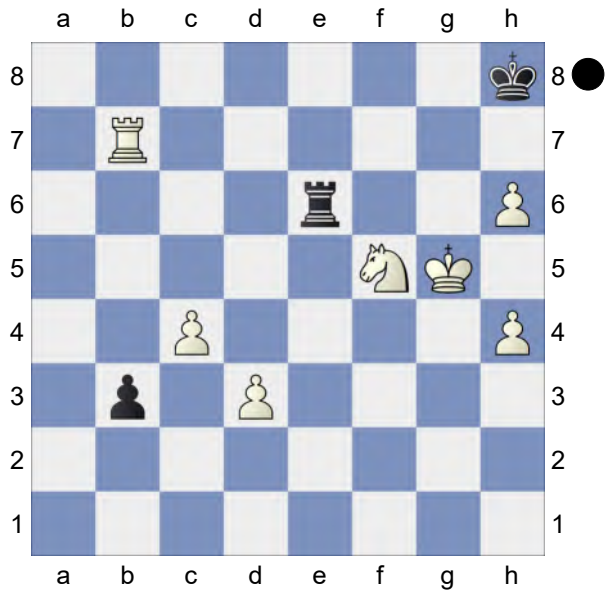
61.Rb7



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28 **A40**

□ **Buletten-Karl** **2933**

■ **Hoon_Bot** **2830**

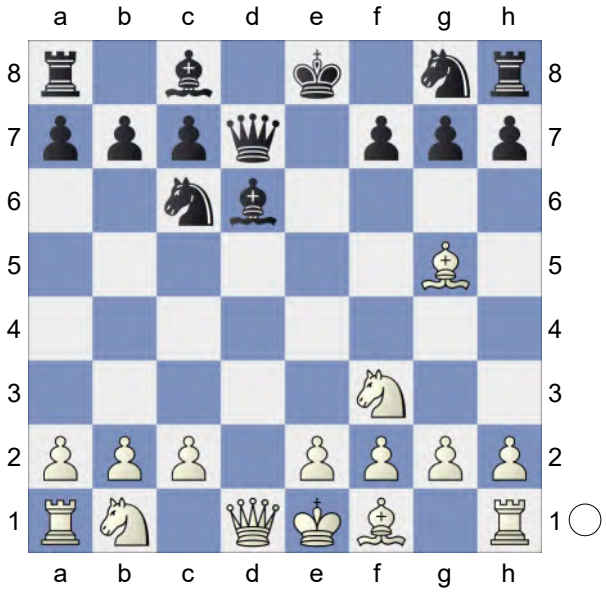
Blitz 16.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+1sec

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6



6.Nc3 h6 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.Nb5

White is clearly better. **8...Nf5 9.Bg3N**

[9.Nxd6+ Nxd6 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Qxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Rhe8 15.e3 Ne5 16.f3 f5 17.e4 Re7 18.Re1 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rde8 20.Bd3 Nxd3+ 21.cxd3 Be6 22.a3 Bf7 23.Kd2 Re6 1-0 (69) The Magnificent Bob (2994)-Hoon (2842) Rapid 2024]

9...Bxg3 10.Qxd7+

[10.hxg3 Qe7±]

10...Bxd7

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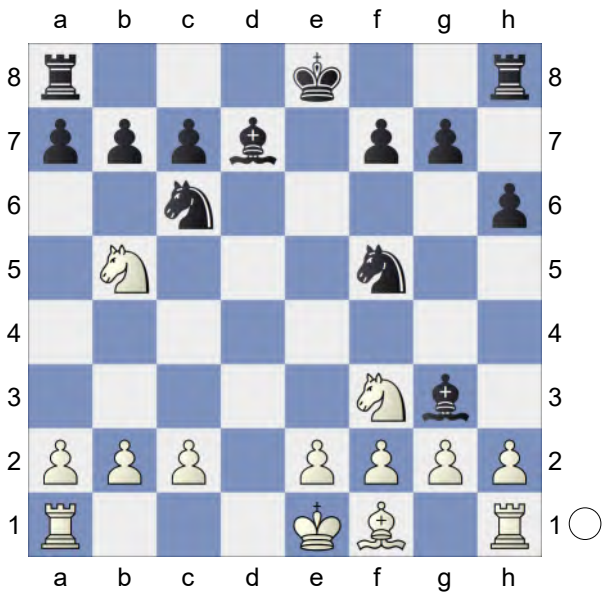
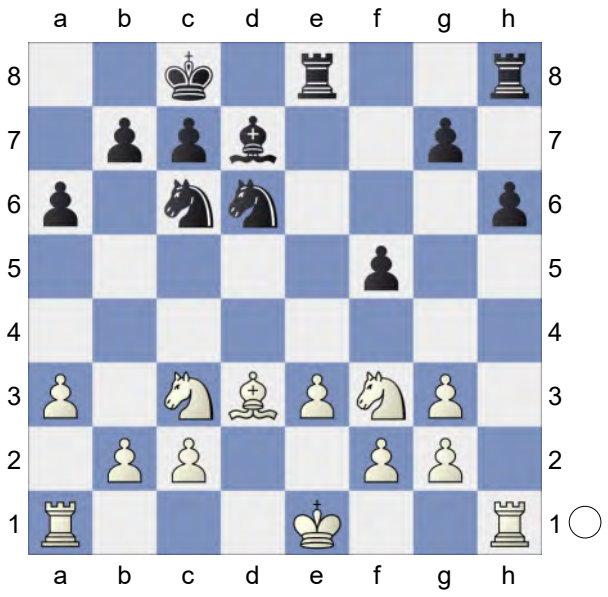


11.hxg3

[11.fxg3 0-0-0 12.e4 Ne3∓]

11...0-0-0 12.Nc3 Nd6 13.e3 Rde8 14.a3 a6 15.Bd3 f5



16.Rd1 Kb8 17.Ne2 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Nd4 g5 20.c4 b6

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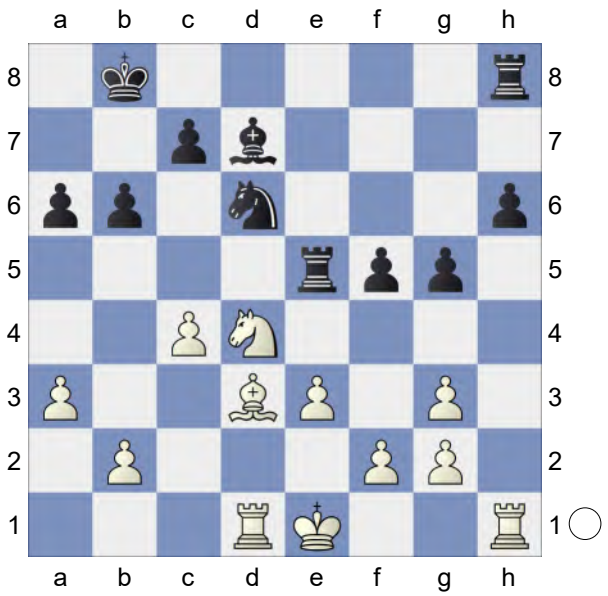
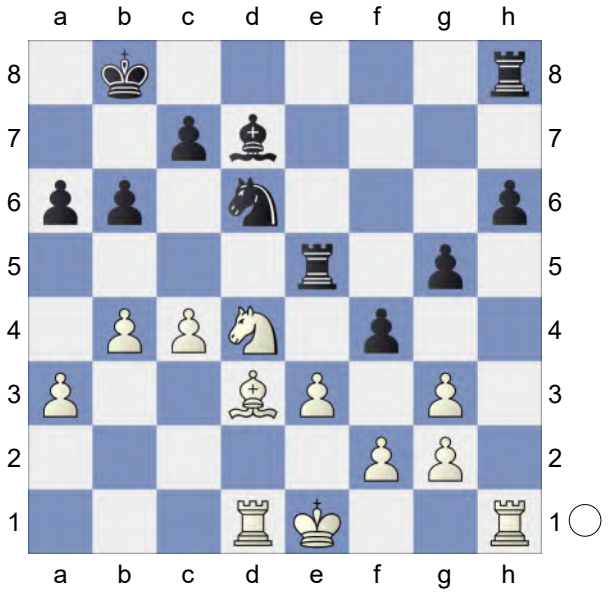


21.b4 f4



22.c5! bxc5 23.bxc5 Rxc5 24.gxf4

[24.exf4 Ba4±]

24...gxf4 25.exf4 Ra5

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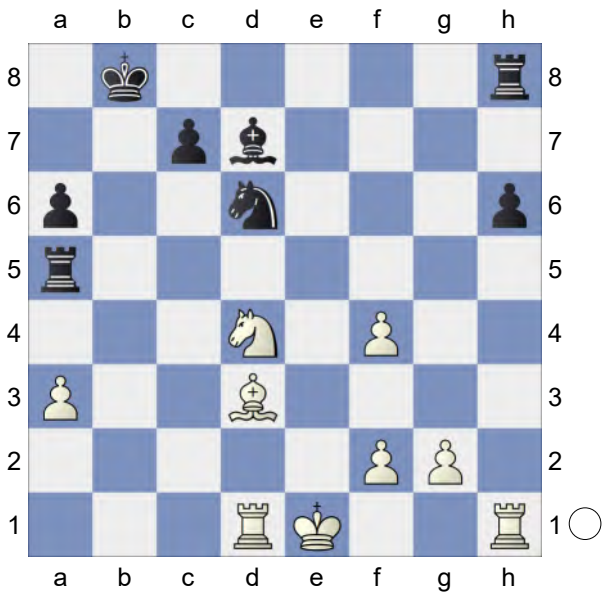
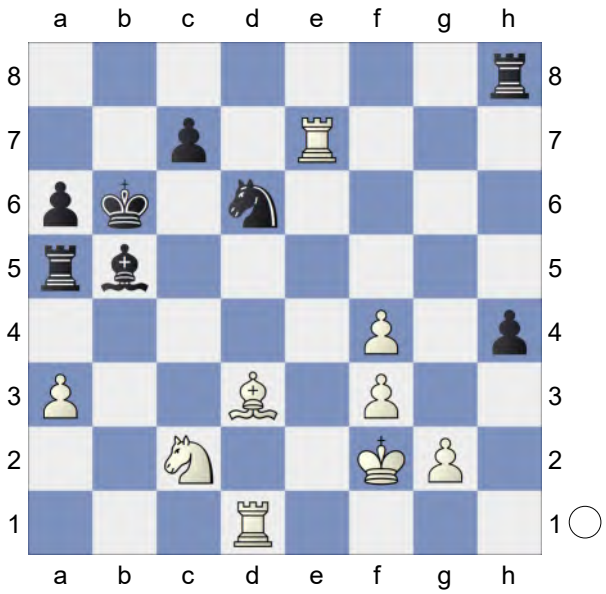


26.Nc2 h5 27.f3 Ka7 28.Kf2 h4 29.Rhe1 Bb5 30.Re7! Kb6 2.14/18
[30...Kb8± 1.42/19]



31.Ne3+- Rxa3 32.Bxb5 axb5 33.Nd5+ Kb7 34.Rxc7+
[34.Nxc7 Ra2+ 35.Kg1 Nf5=]
34...Kb8

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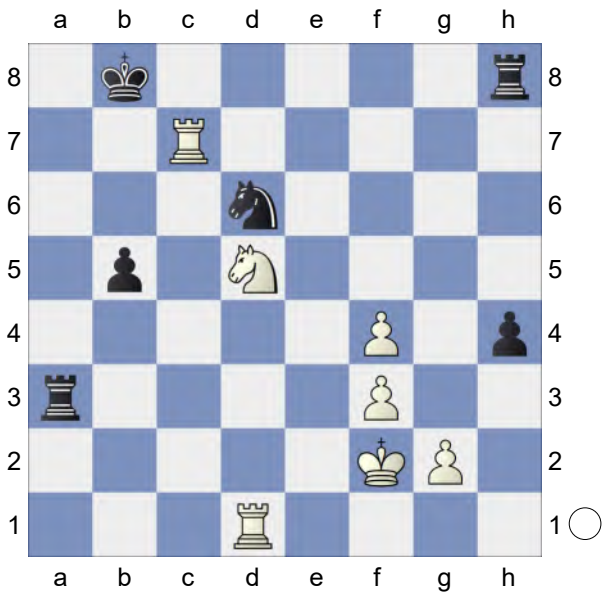
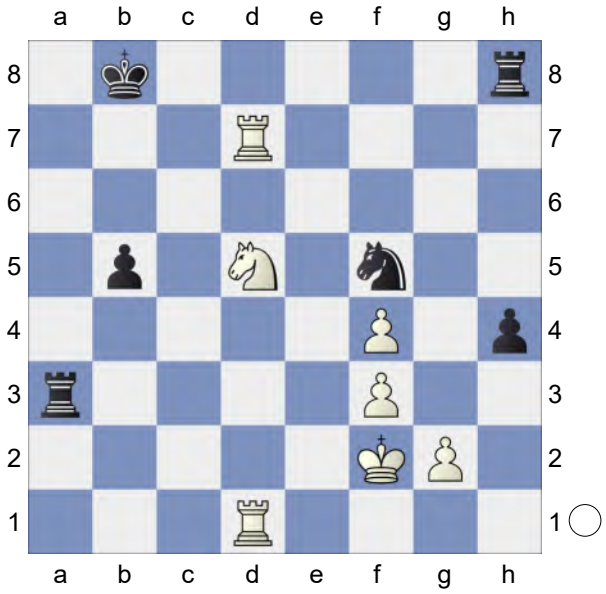
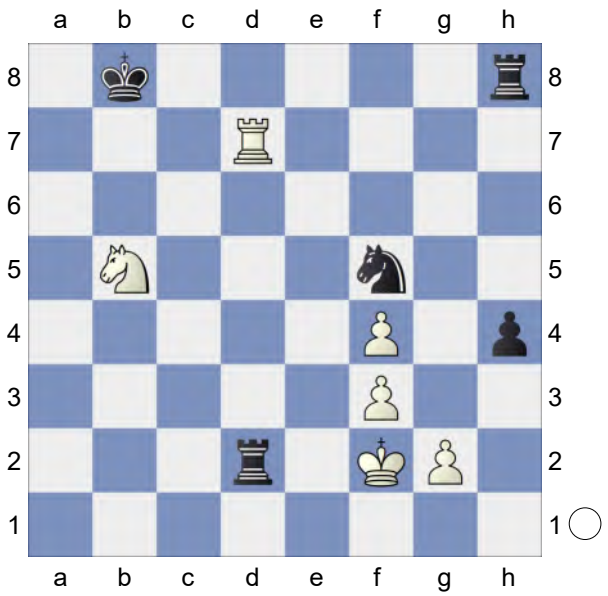


35.Rd7! Nf5

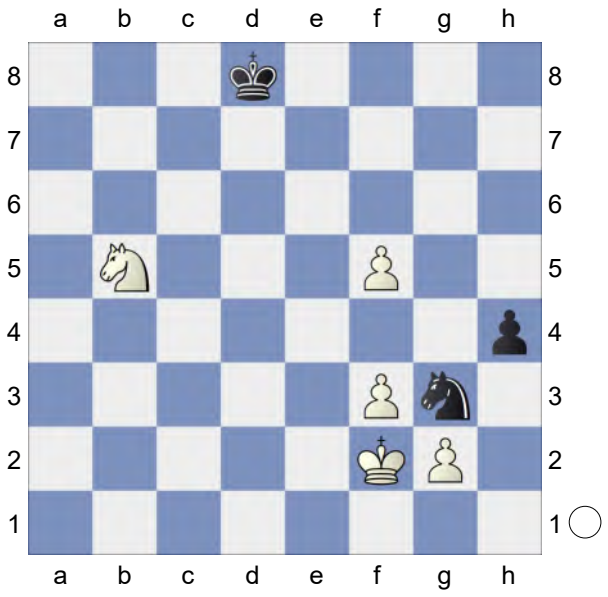


36.Nb4 Dodges Ra2+. White is more active. **36...Ra4 37.Nc6+ Kc8 38.Na7+ Kb8 39.Nxb5** Rb1 would now be deadly. **39...Ra2+?** 3.88/21
[39...h3 1.72/16]
40.R1d2 Rxd2+

(Diagram)



41.Rxd2 Endgame KRN-KRN. White is two pawns up. **41...Ng3 42.Nd6** White is clearly winning. **42...Rd8 43.f5 Kc7 44.Nb5+ Kc8 45.Rxd8+ Kxd8**



KN-KN. White is two pawns up. **46.Ke3**
[Weaker is 46.f6 Nf5±]
46...Nxf5+ 47.Kf4 Ng3 48.Kg5 Ne2 49.Kxh4 Kd7 50.Kg5 Kc6

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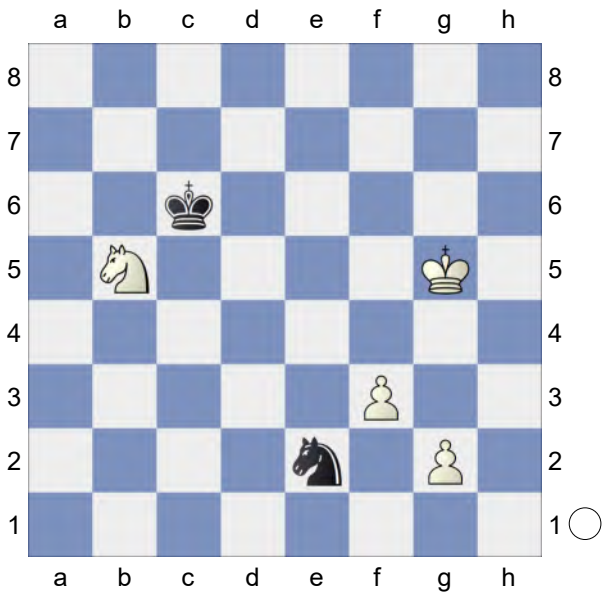

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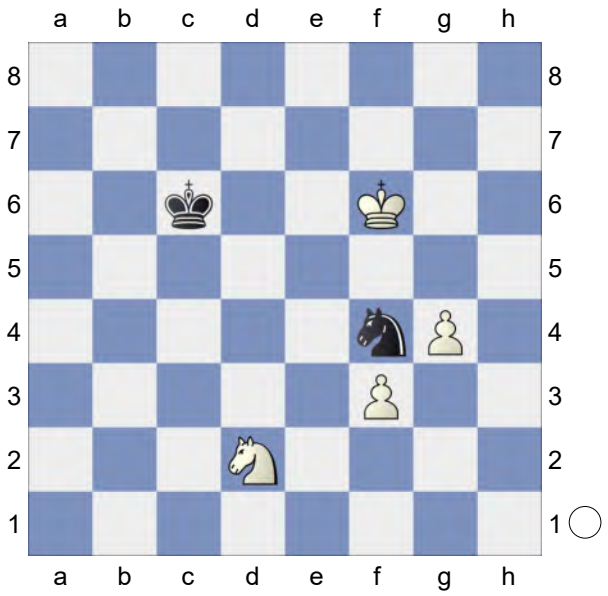

56.g5 Kd7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.29 (precise)
57.g6

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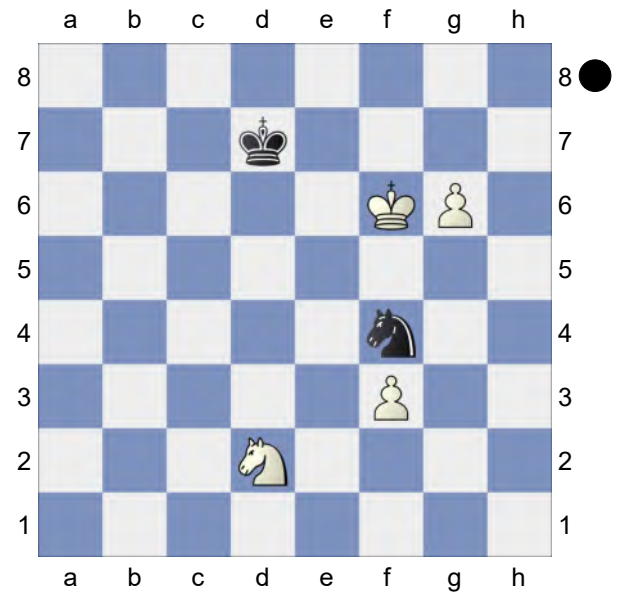

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29 **A40**
□ **slouuurps** **2650**
■ **PchelkinVK** **2666**
Blitz 09.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
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3...Bxd6 4.e4N
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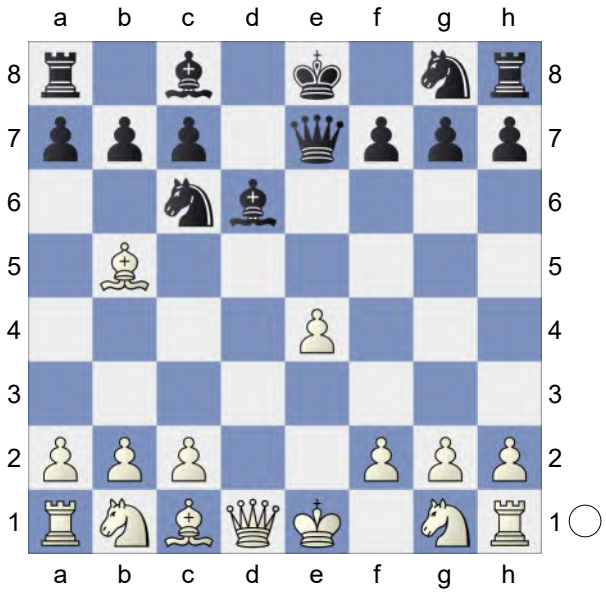

6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bg5 Bd7 0.95/20
[7...h6!± 0.48/18 8.Bh4 Bd7]
8.Nf3 White is better. **8...0-0-0 9.Qe2 Bb4 10.0-0 Bxc3**

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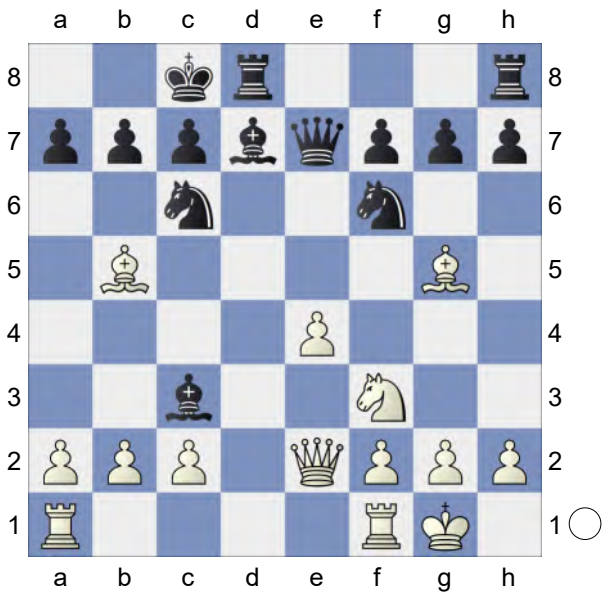
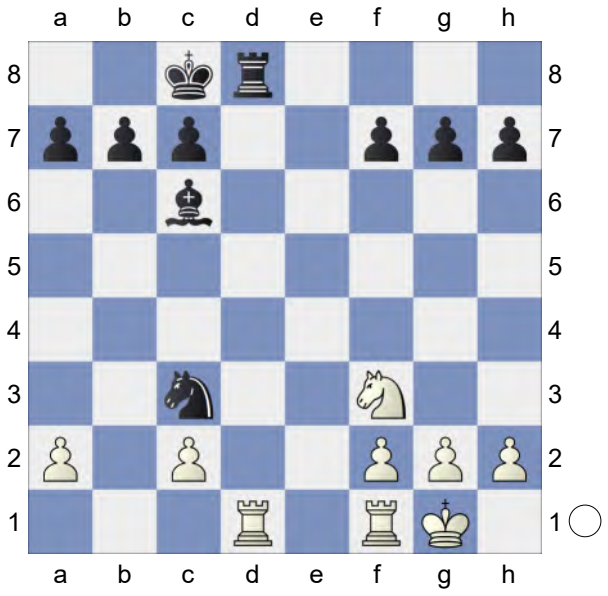
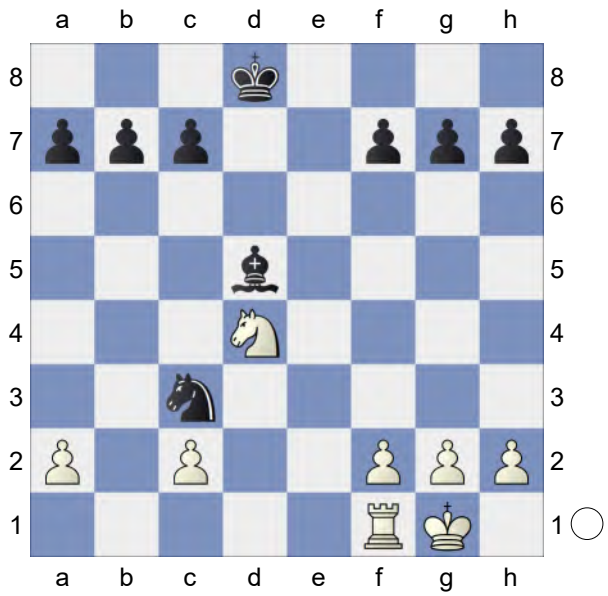


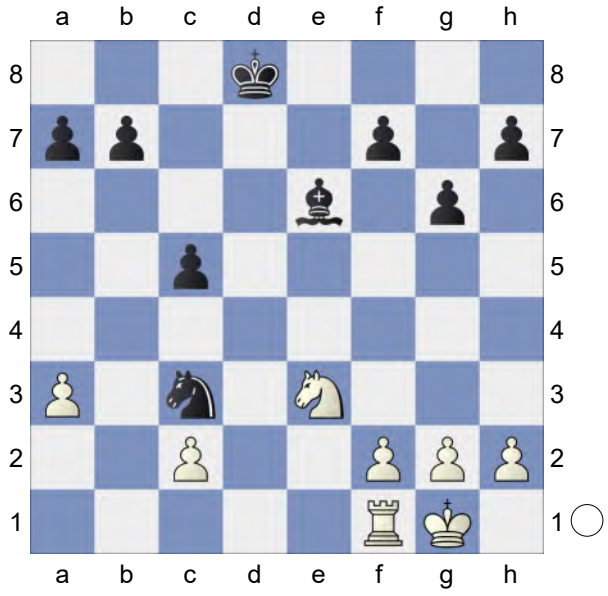
11.bxc3 Qxe4 2.24/20
[11...Rhe8± 0.71/19]
12.Qxe4+- Nxe4 13.Bxd8 Rxd8 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Rad1 1.02/21
[15.c4+- 2.06/21 and White stays clearly on top.]
15...Nxc3



16.Rxd8+ Kxd8± Endgame KRN-KBN
17.Nd4 0.73/22
[⌓17.Ra1 1.12/21]
17...Bd5 1.14/21
[17...Bd7 0.73/22]



18.a3! c5 19.Nf5 g6 20.Ne3 Be6



21.f4 f5 1.25/22
[Better is 21...b5 0.76/24]
22.Re1 Kd7 23.Kf2 0.72/20
[⌓23.Nd1 1.16/23 Nd5 24.g3]
23...b5 24.Nf1 0.32/22
[White should try 24.Ra1± 0.73/19]
24...a5± 25.Nd2 a4

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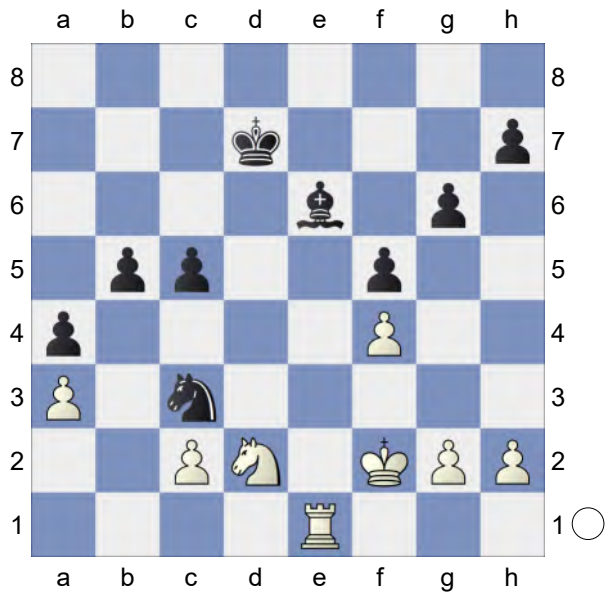
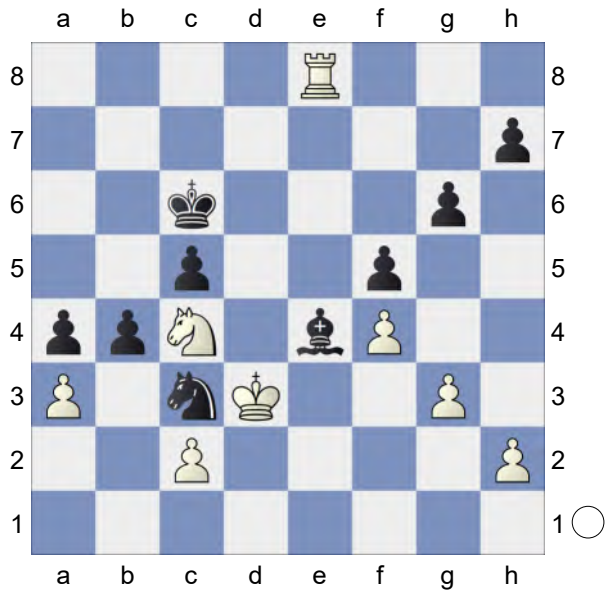


26.g3 Bd5 27.Ke3 Kd6 0.74/24
[27...b4= 0.09/24]
28.Kd3± b4 29.Nc4+ Kc6 30.Re8 Be4+



31.Kd2 Nb1+ 32.Kc1 Nxa3 33.Nxa3 0.11/20
[33.Rc8+!± 0.63/25 Kb5 34.Nd6+ *(34.Nxa3+ bxa3 35.Kb1 Bd5=)* 34...Kb6 35.Nxe4 fxe4 36.Re8]
33...bxa3 KR-KB **34.c4** and Ra8 should not be overlooked **34...Bd3! 35.Ra8 Bxc4**

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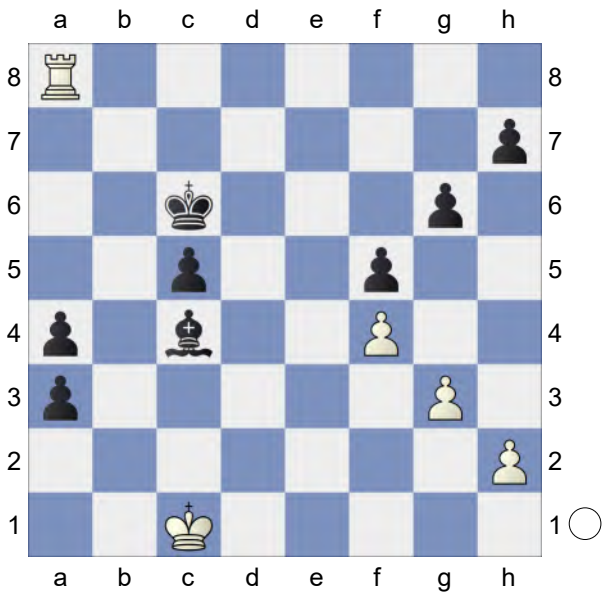
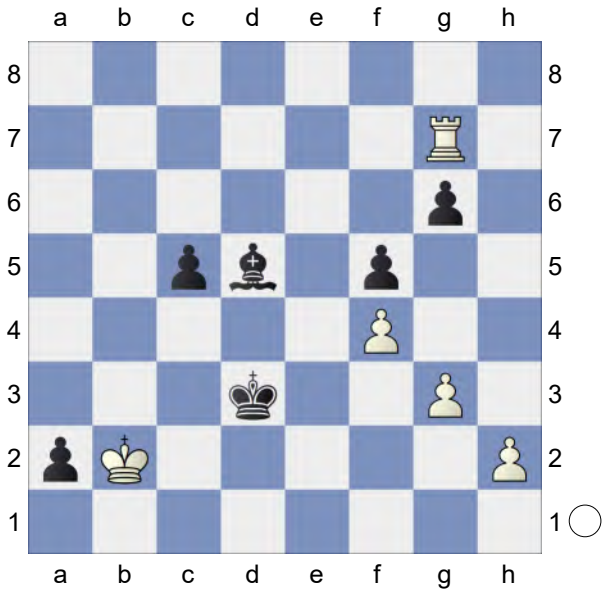


...Bb3 would now be deadly. **36.Rxa4 a2 37.Kb2** Inhibits Bb3. **37...Kd5 38.Ra7 Kd4 39.Rxh7 Bd5?** 4.87/24
[39...Bb3!= 0.00/22]
40.Rg7 2.07/23
[⌓40.Rd7 4.87/24 Ke4 41.Rd6]
40...Kd3



41.Rxg6?? -7.48/18
[41.Rd7+- 1.78/21 Ke4 *(41...Kd4? 42.Rd6+-)* 42.Rd6]

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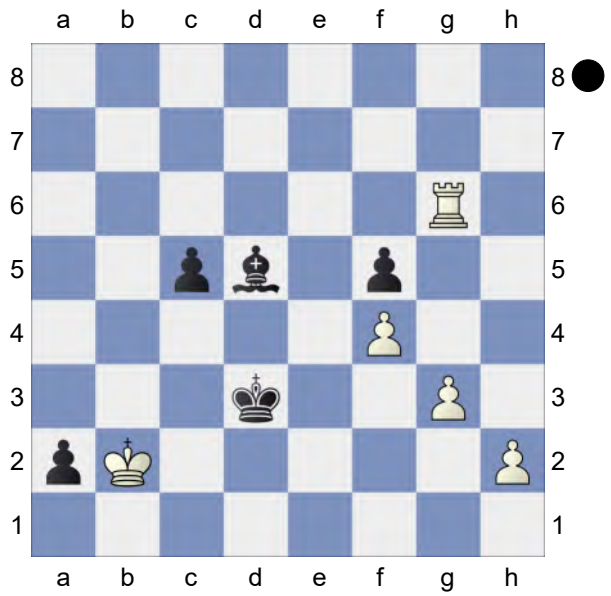
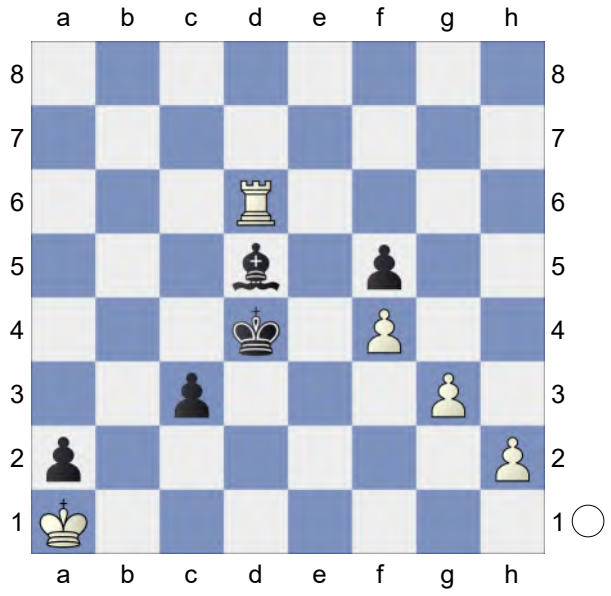


41...c4!-+ (-> ...c3+) **42.Rd6 c3+**
43.Ka1 Kd4?? 11.26/34
[43...c2-+ -5.71/22 44.Rxd5+ Kc4 45.Kxa2 c1Q *(45...c1B? too greedy. 46.Rxf5 Be3 47.Re5+-)*]



44.Rxd5+!+- Remove Defender
44...Kxd5 45.Kxa2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.45
45...Ke4

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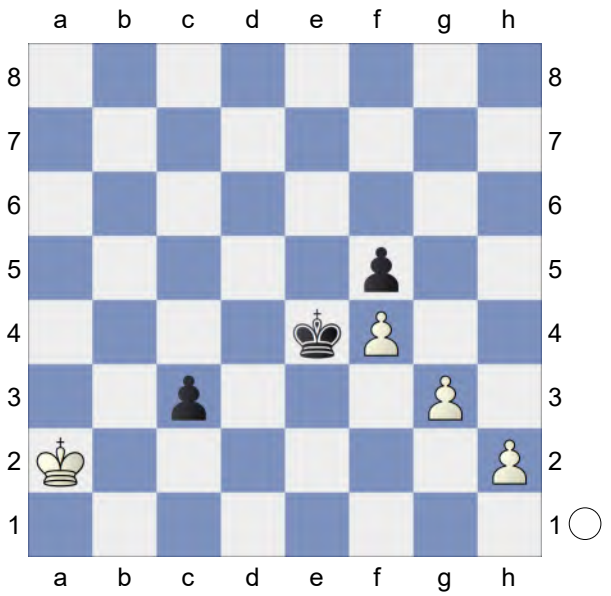

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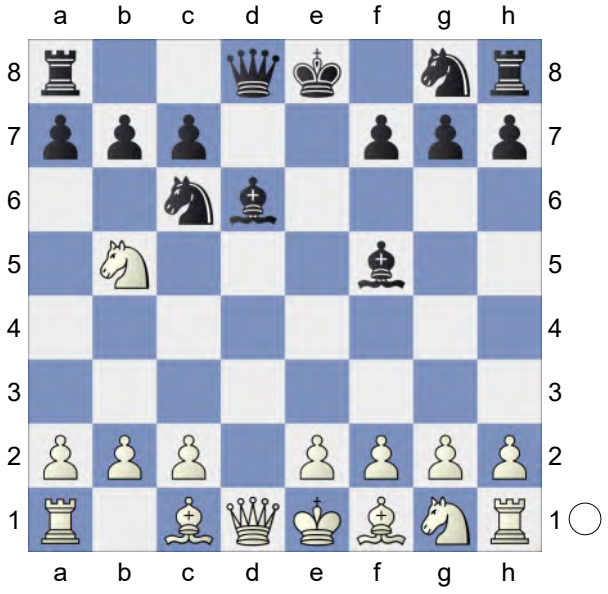
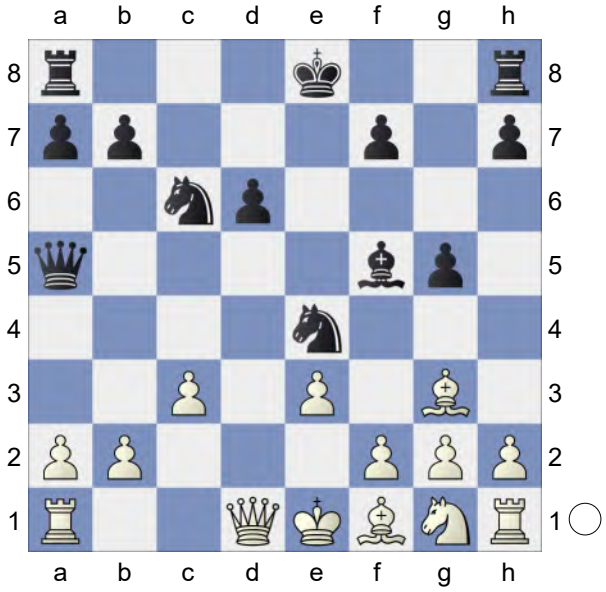
4...Nc6 5.Nb5 Bf5



6.Nxd6+ cxd6 7.c3 Prevents Nb4
7...Nf6 8.Bf4 White is clearly better.
8...Qa5 9.e3
[9.Bxd6? 0-0-0 10.Nf3 Ne4-+]
[9.Qxd6?! Ne4 10.Qa3 Qxa3 11.bxa3 Nxc3±]

9...g5 10.Bg3
[10.Bxg5?! Bg4 11.f3 Qxg5 12.fxg4 Nxg4= *(12...Qxe3+ 13.Qe2∓)*]
[10.Bxd6? 0-0-0 11.h3 Ne4-+]
[10.Qxd6 Ne4 11.Qc7 gxf4 12.Qxa5 Nxa5∓]

10...Ne4



11.Ne2
[11.Bxd6? Rd8 12.Qc1 *(12.b4? Qb6-+)* 12...Rxd6-+ *(12...Nxd6? 13.Ne2-+)*]
11...Qb6 12.Qb3
[12.Bxd6? Nxd6 *(12...Qxb2 13.Rb1±)* 13.Qb3 *(13.Qxd6? Qxb2 14.f3 Qxa1+-+)* 13...Qa5-+]
12...Nc5 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.b4
[14.Bxd6 Nd3+ 15.Kd2 Nxf2∓]
14...Nb3 15.Rd1
[15.axb3? Rxa1+ 16.Kd2 Ra2+ 17.Kd1 Bc2+ 18.Ke1 0-0-+ *(18...Bxb3 19.Nc1∓)*]
15...Rxa2

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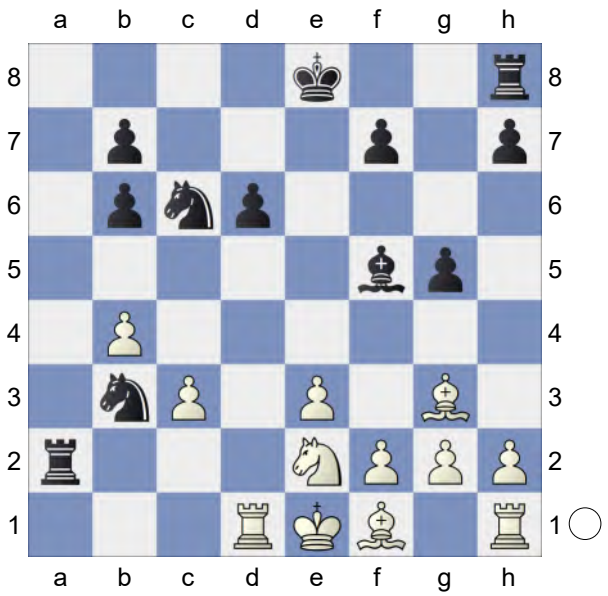
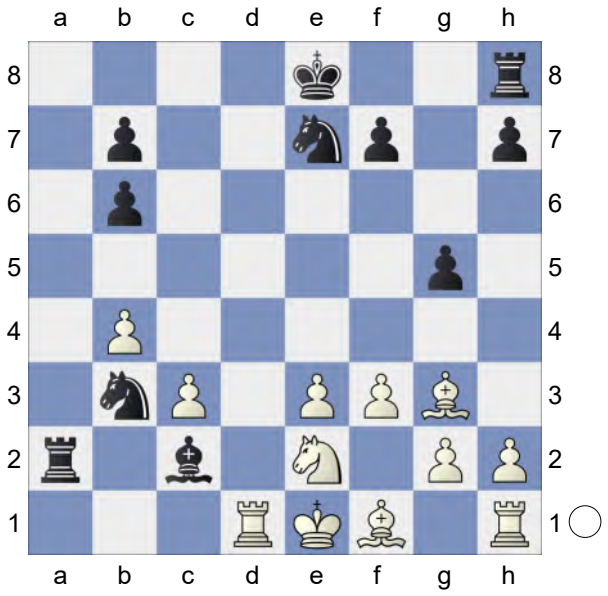


aiming for ...Bc2. **16.f3!**
[16.Bxd6? Bc2 17.b5 *(17.Nc1? Ra1-+)* 17...Bxd1 18.bxc6 Bxe2 19.Bxe2 bxc6-+]
16...d5 17.Rxd5 Ne7 1.59/23
[⌓17...Be6 0.84/17 18.Rxg5 Nd2]
18.Rd6± Nc8 19.Rd5 1.24/19
[Better is 19.Rd1 1.60/19]
19...Ne7 20.Rd1 1.05/16
[20.Rd6+- 1.61/19]
20...Bc2



21.Nc1 Ra1 22.Bb5+ Nc6
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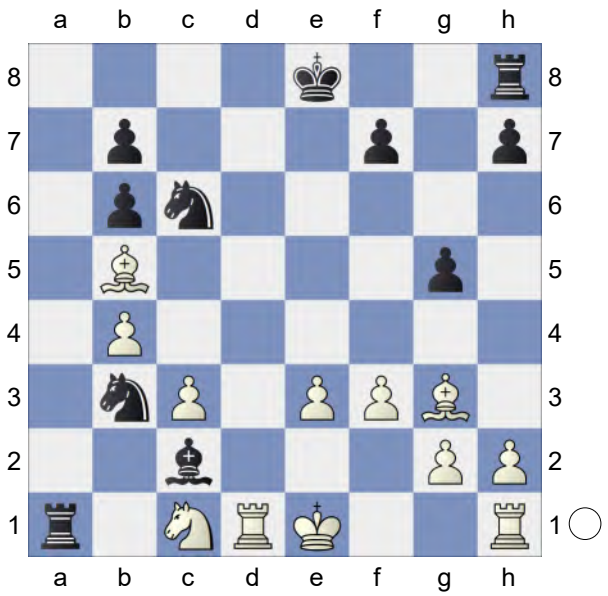
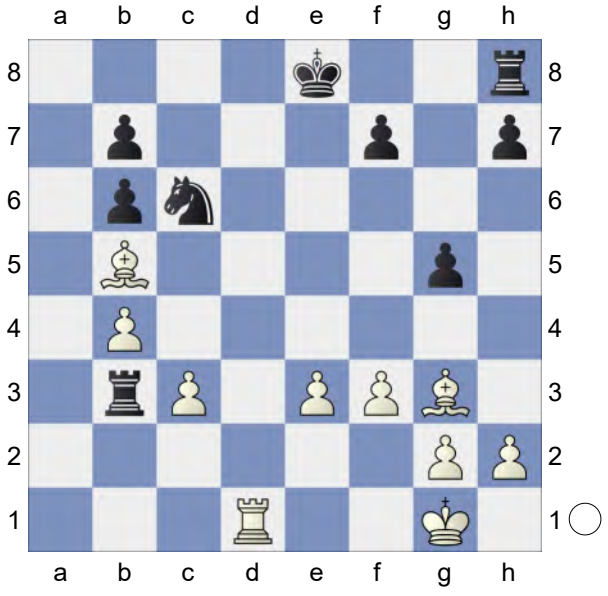


23.0-0! Bxd1 24.Nxb3 Pin **24...Ra3**
Black is weak on the dark squares
[Not 24...Rb1? 25.Nd2 Rc1 26.Ba4 Bxa4 27.Rxc1+-]
25.Rxd1 Rxb3



26.Be5! White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **26...0-0**

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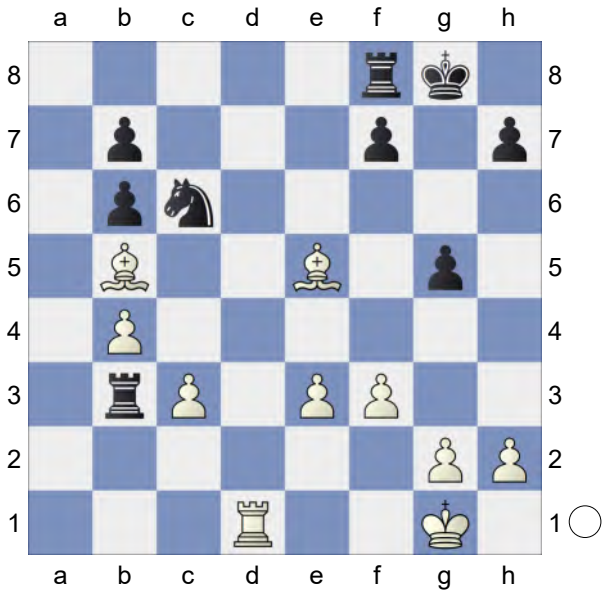
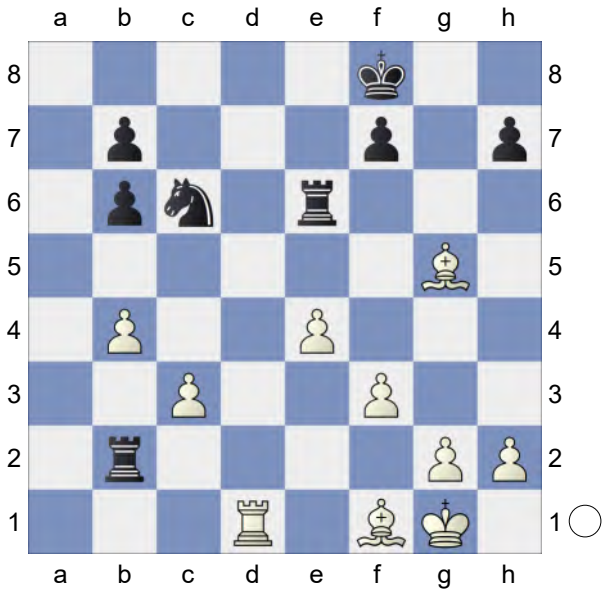


27.Bf6 and Bc4! would now be decisive. This pair of bishops is nice. **27...Re8 28.e4**

[28.Bxg5 Rxc3 29.h3 Rb3∓]

28...Rb2 29.Bxg5 Re6 30.Bf1 Kf8



31.Rd2 Rxd2 32.Bxd2 Endgame KRN-KB **32...Re8 33.Be3 Ra8 34.Bxb6 Ke8** 2.12/22

[34...Ra2± 1.53/17 35.f4 h5]

35.b5+- Nd8

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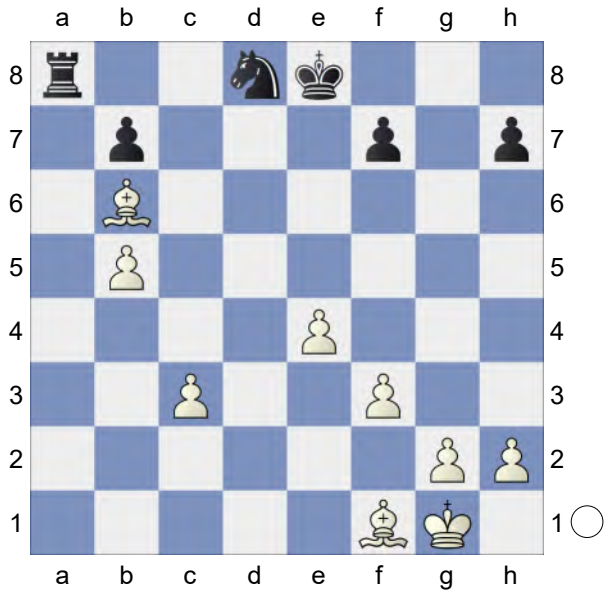

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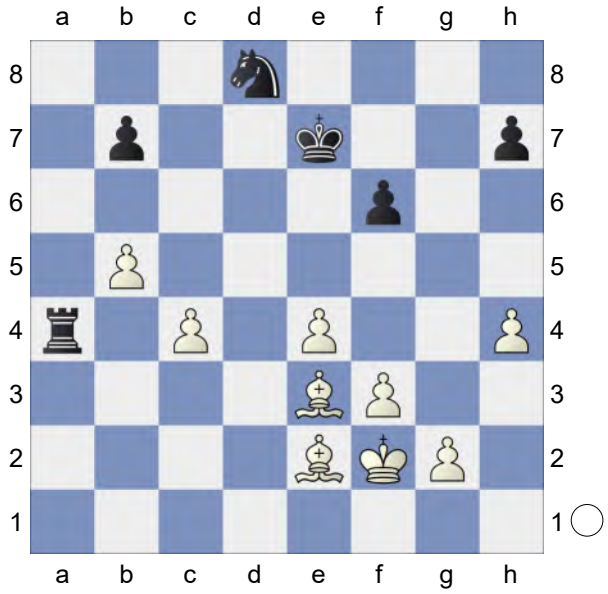

41.Bc5+ Kf7 42.f4 Ne6 43.Be3 Nf8 44.g4 Ng6 45.h5 Nf8

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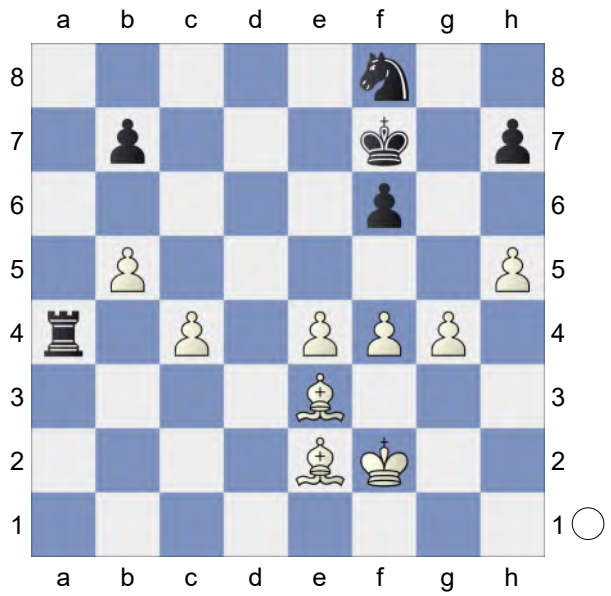
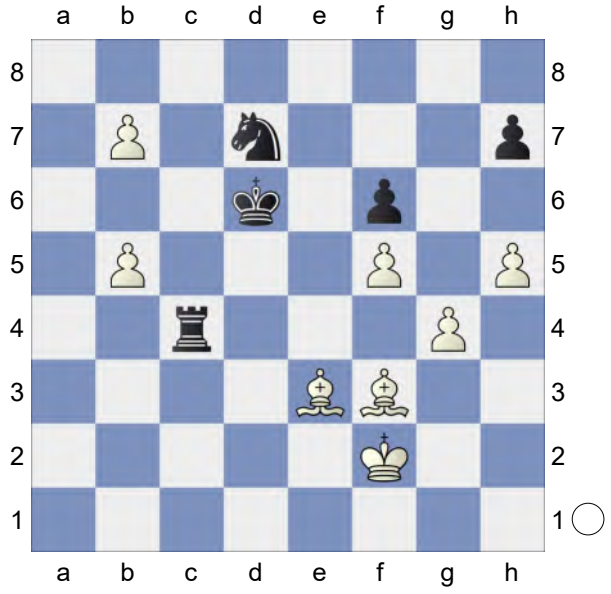


46.c5 Ke7? 5.03/20
[46...Ne6 2.80/15 47.f5 Nd4]
47.f5 Rxe4? 6.16/19
[47...Nd7 3.78/16 48.c6 bxc6]
48.c6 Kd6 49.Bf3 Rc4 50.cxb7 Nd7



51.Ba7 Ke7 52.Bc6 Ra4

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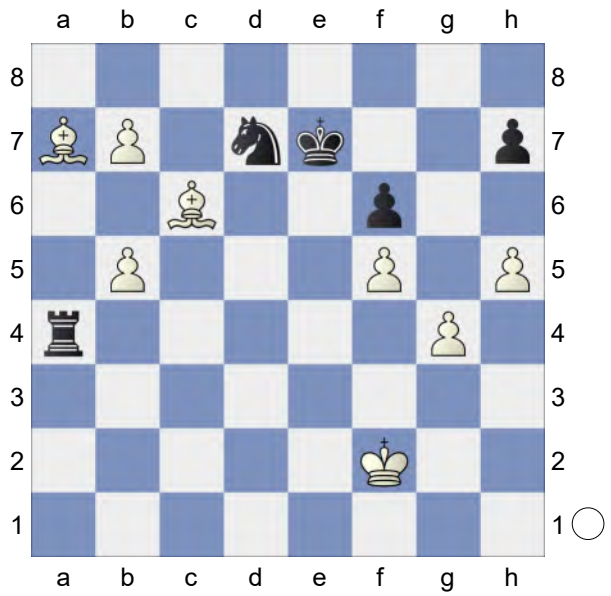
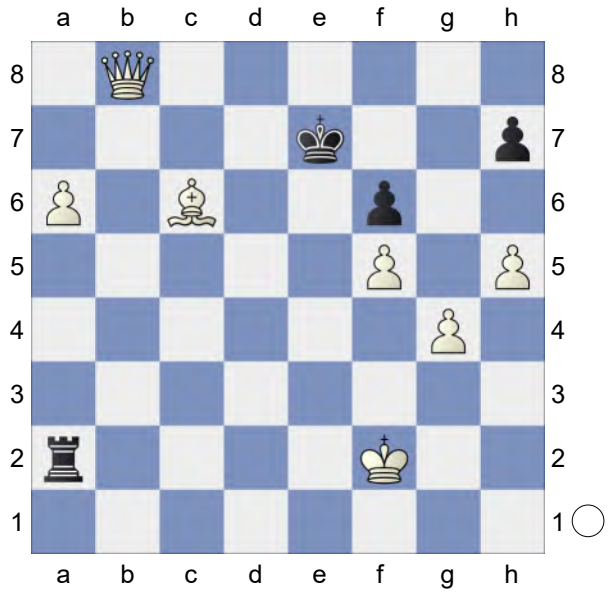


53.Bc5+! Deflection, Promotion
53...Nxc5
[53...Kd8 54.Bb6+]
54.b8Q
[Worse is 54.b8B Rxg4 55.b6 Rg5=]
54...Na6 Prevents Qc7+ **55.bxa6**
White mates. **55...Ra2+**



56.Kg3 Ra3+ 57.Kh4 h6 58.Qc7+ Kf8 59.Qd8+ Kg7 60.Bd5 Rh3+

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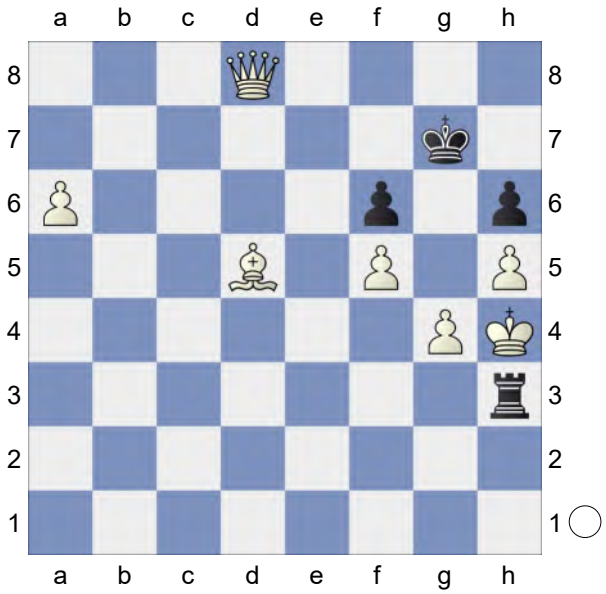
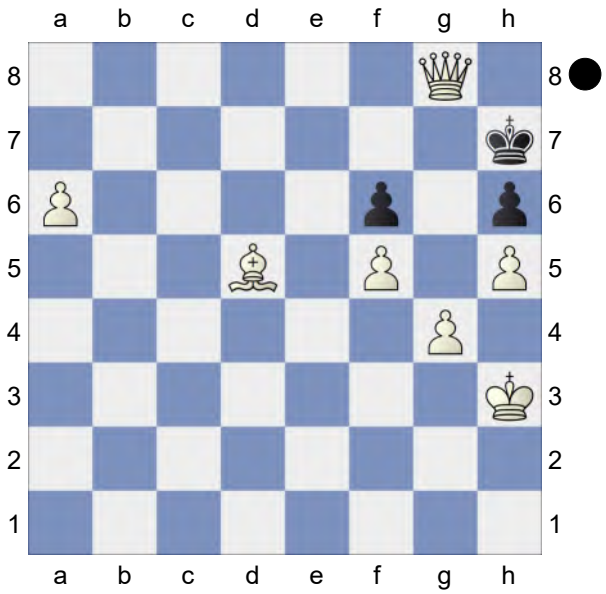


61.Kxh3 Kh7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.53

62.Qg8#



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[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

3...Bxd6 4.Nc3N

[4.Nf3 Nc6 *(4...Qe7 5.g3 Bg4 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.c3 0-0-0 8.Qa4 Nf6 9.0-0 h5 10.Bg5 h4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qxg4+ Kb8 13.Nbd2 hxg3 14.hxg3 Qh6 15.Rfd1 Bc5 16.Ne4 Bb6 17.Qg5 Qh7 18.Nc5 f6 19.Qe3* 1-0 (32) Lets Go Argentina (2580)-Is Er Nog Hoop (2585) Blitz 2024*; 4...Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1* ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986*)* 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-

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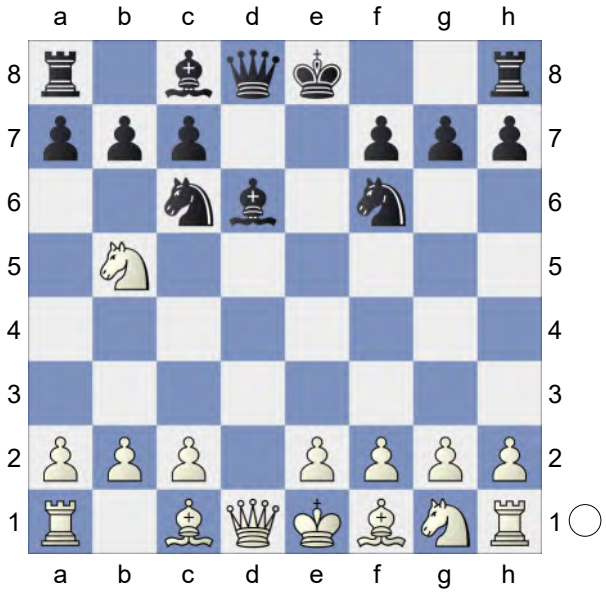
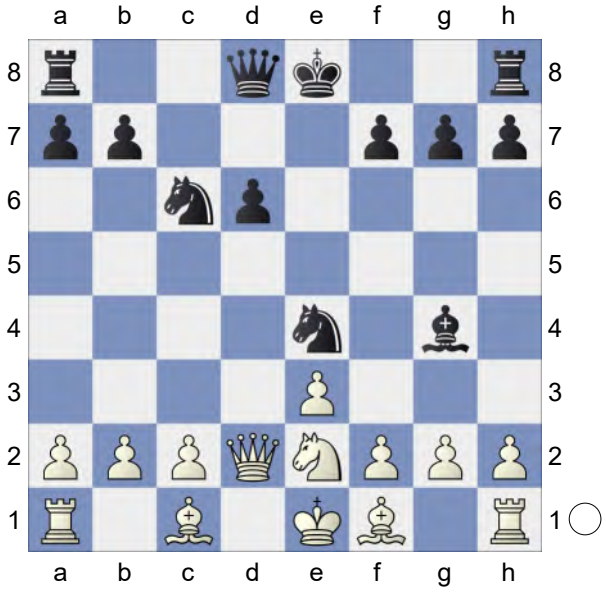
4...Nc6 5.Nb5 Nf6

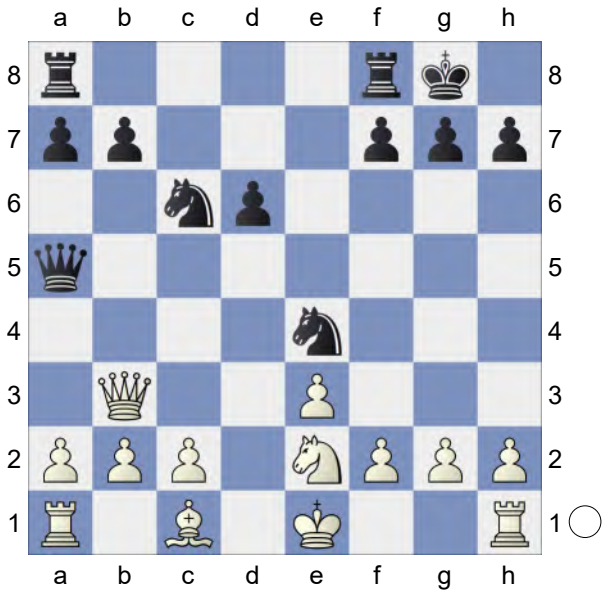


6.Nxd6+ cxd6 7.e3 Ne4 8.Ne2 White is clearly better. **8...Bg4 9.Qd5 Nf6 10.Qd2 Ne4**

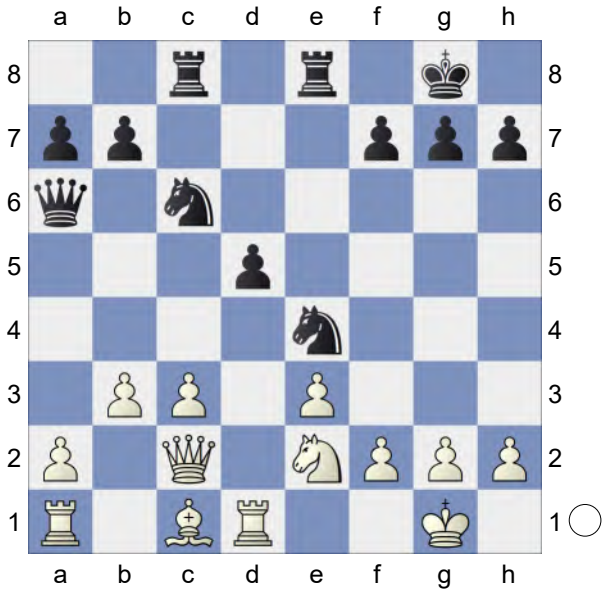


11.Qd5 Nf6 12.Qb3 0-0 13.Nf4
[13.Qxb7 Bd7 14.Qb3 Rb8±]
13...Ne4 14.Be2
[14.Qxb7?! Rc8±]
14...Bxe2 15.Nxe2 Qa5+

(Diagram)

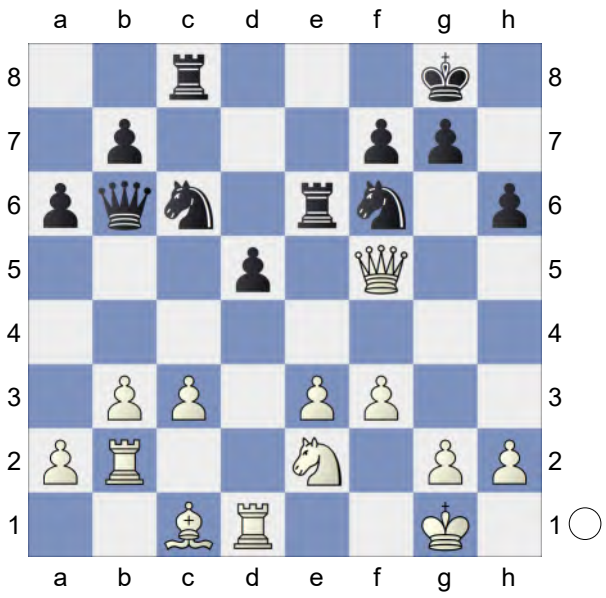


16.c3 Qa6 17.Qc2 Rfe8 18.0-0 d5 19.Rd1 Rad8 20.b3 Rc8

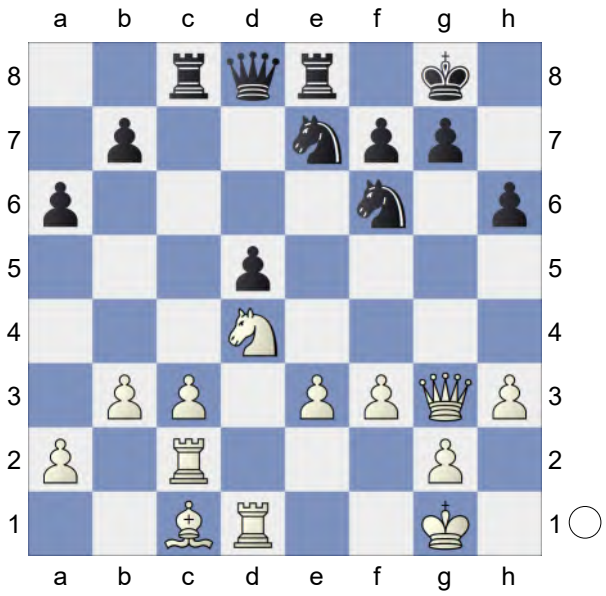


21.f3
[21.Rxd5? Nb4 22.Qb2 Nxd5-+]
21...Nf6 22.Rb1 h6 23.Rb2 Qb6 24.Qd3 a6 25.Qf5 Re6

(Diagram)

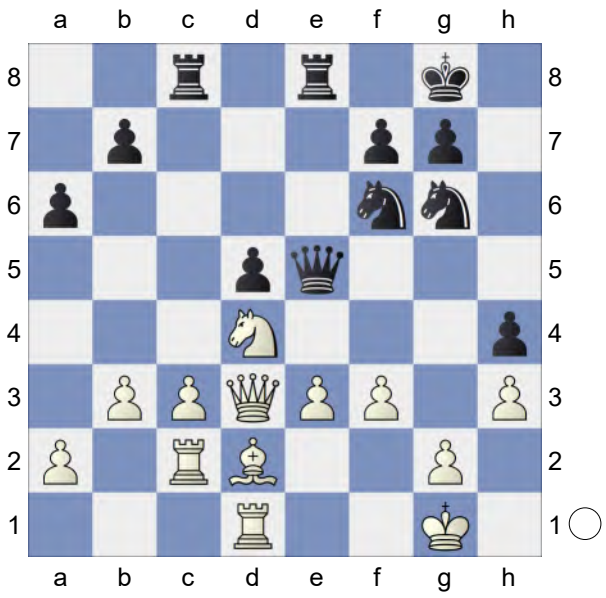


26.Rc2 Qc7 27.Qf4 Qb6 28.h3 Ree8 29.Nd4 Ne7 30.Qg3 Qd8

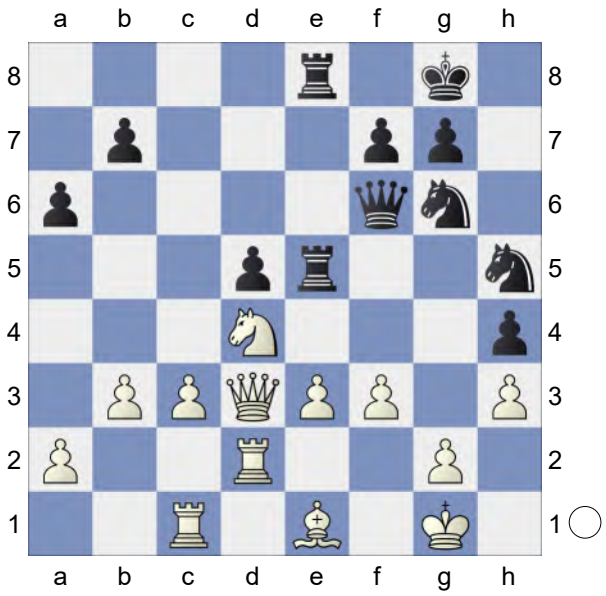


31.Bd2 White is more active. **31...Ng6 32.Qf2 Qe7 33.Qf1 Qe5 34.Qe2 h5 35.Qd3 h4**

(Diagram)

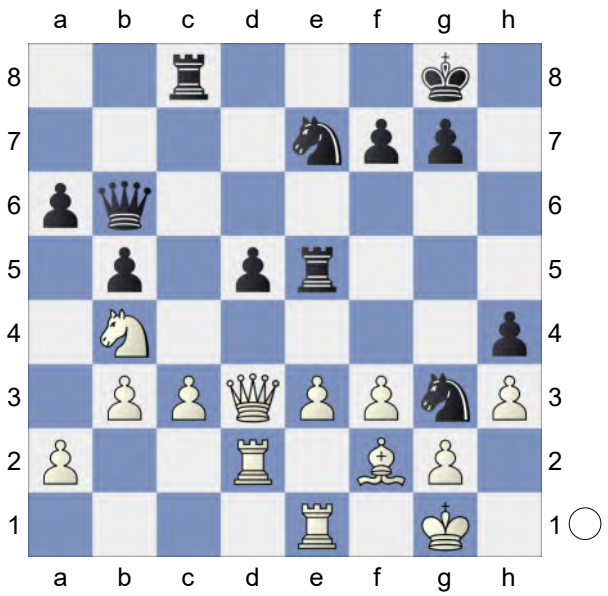


36.Rcc1 Rcd8 37.Nf5 Nh5 38.Be1 Qf6 39.Rd2 Re5 40.Nd4 Rde8

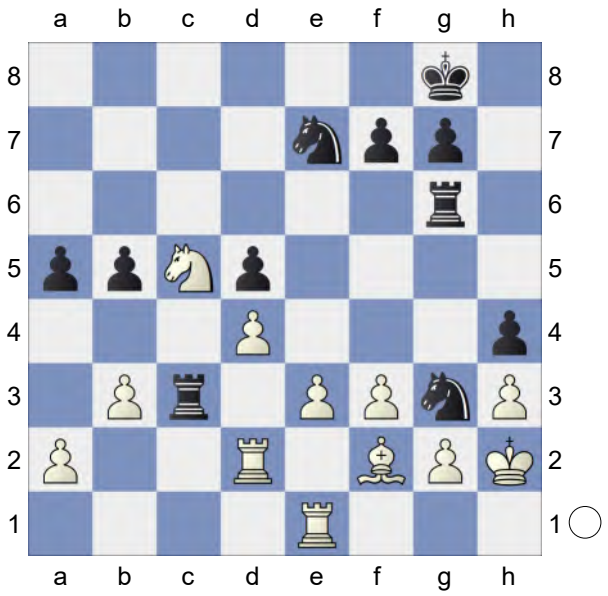


41.Bf2 Ng3 42.Rcd1 b5 43.Nc2 Ne7 44.Nb4 Qb6 45.Re1 Rc8

(Diagram)

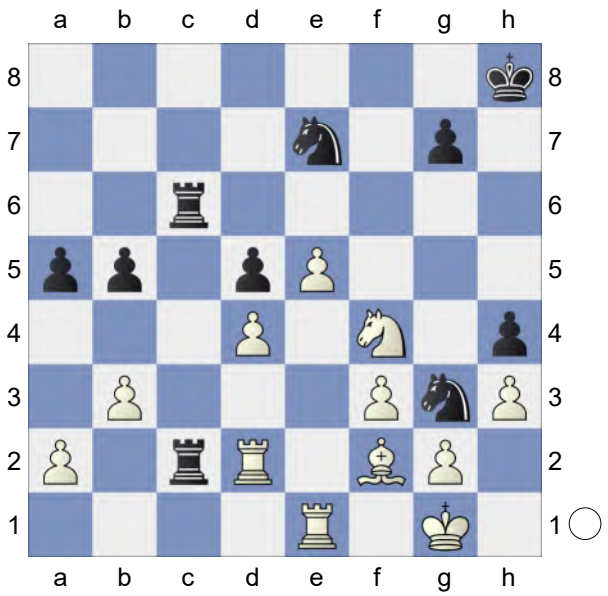


46.Qd4 Qxd4 47.cxd4 Re6 48.Nd3 Rc3 49.Nc5 Rg6 50.Kh2 a5

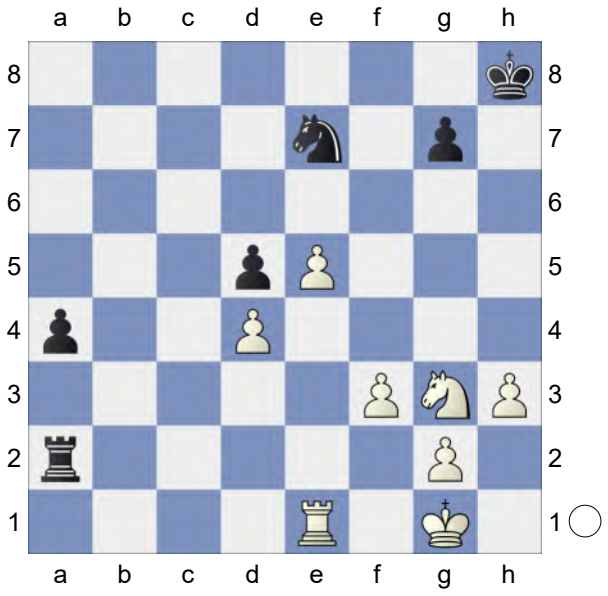


51.Kg1 0.60/19
[51.Nd3± 1.05/19]
51...Kh8 1.22/20
[51...Rc6± 0.60/19]
52.e4± f5 53.e5 f4 1.56/20 Prevents Be3.
[Black should try 53...Kh7 1.17/19 54.Be3 Nh5]
54.Nd3 Rgc6 55.Nxf4 Rc2

(Diagram)



56.Rxc2 Rxc2 57.Bxg3! hxg3 Endgame KRN-KRN. White is two pawns up. **58.Ne2 Rxa2** and ...Rb2 would now be decisive **59.Nxg3 a4 60.bxa4 bxa4**



61.Rc1 Rd2

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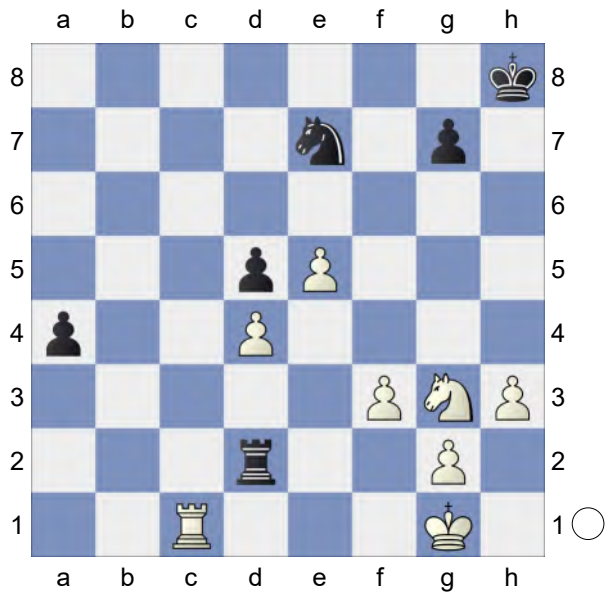
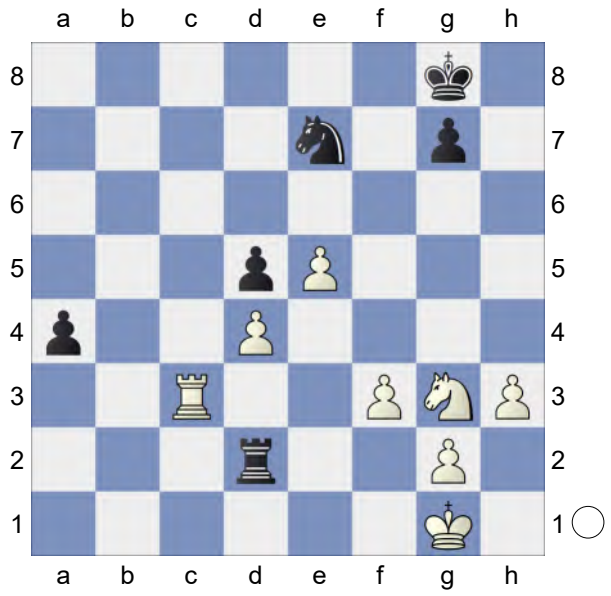
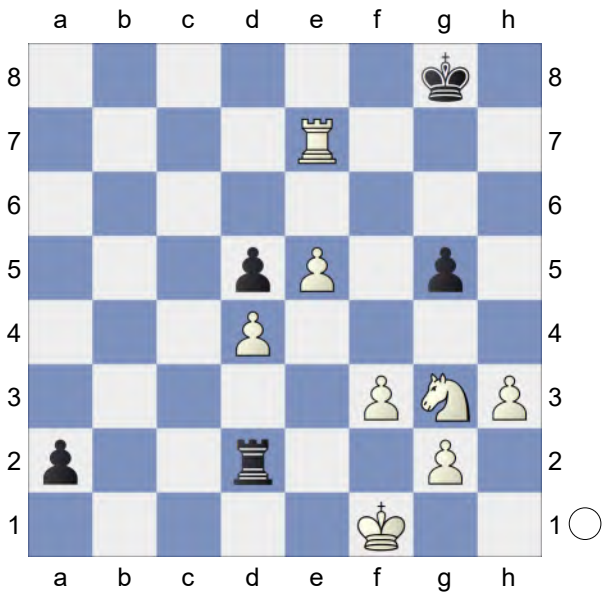


62.Rc3! Kg8 1.66/18
[62...Rxd4± 1.10/19 63.Rc7 a3]

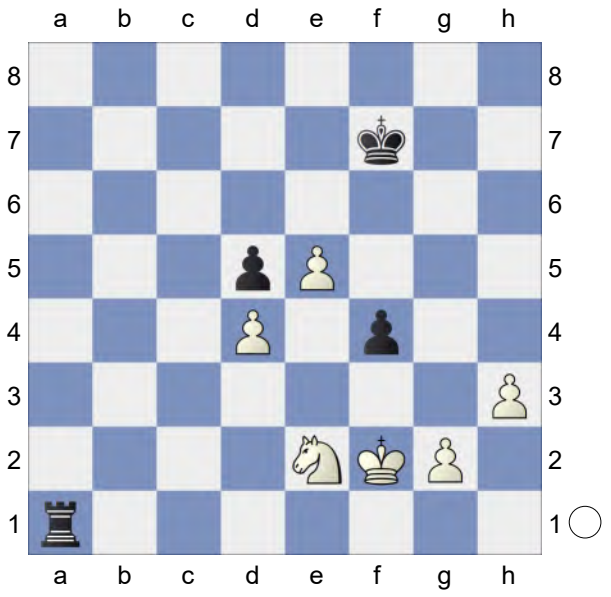


63.Kf1!+-
[Much less strong is 63.Rc7?! Kf8±]
63...g5 2.47/20
[⌓63...Rd1+ 1.69/17 64.Kf2 Rxd4]
64.Rc7 a3 65.Rxe7 KRN-KR **65...a2**

(Diagram)



66.Ra7 Rd1+ 67.Kf2
[67.Ke2 a1Q 68.Rxa1 Rxa1±]
67...a1Q 68.Rxa1 Rxa1 KR-KN **69.Ne2 Kf7 70.f4 gxf4**



71.Kf3
[71.Nxf4 Ra4 72.Ne2 *(72.Nxd5 Rxd4 73.Ne3 Ke6=)* 72...Kg6±]
71...Rf1+ 72.Kg4 f3 73.gxf3 Rd1 74.Kf4 Rh1 75.Ke3 Ra1? 4.53/22
[75...Re1 2.36/26 76.h4 Kg6]

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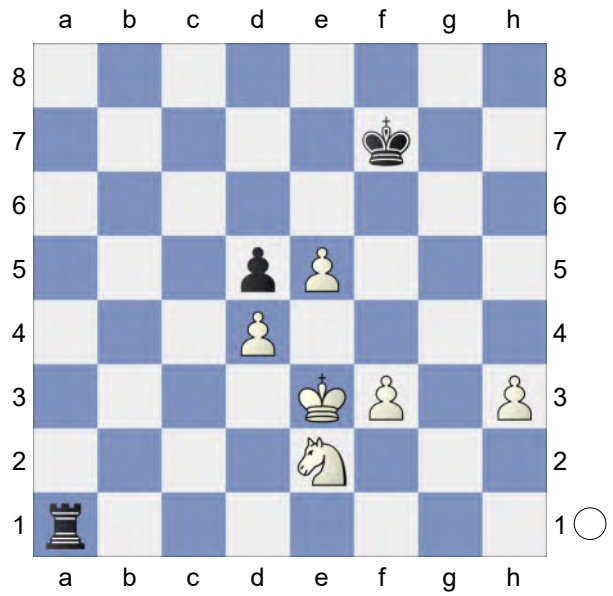
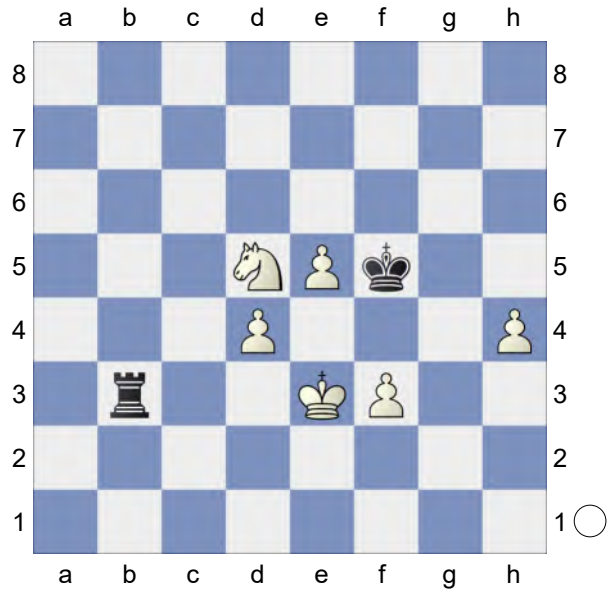
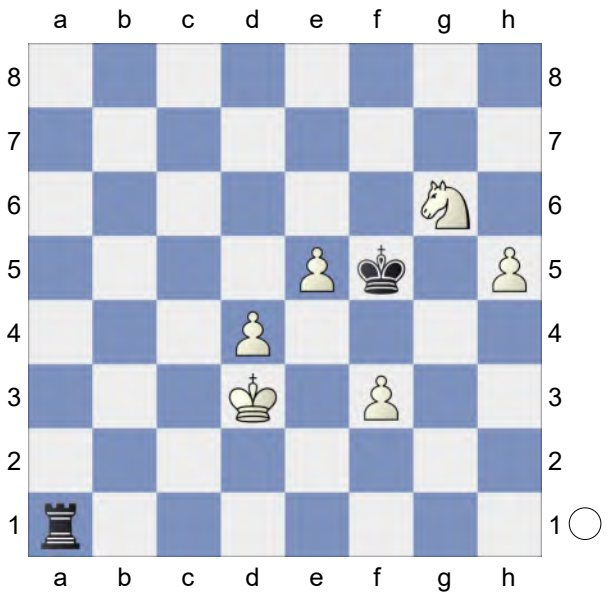


76.h4 Rb1 77.Kf2 Kg6? 4.86/27
[77...Rh1 2.47/22 78.Nf4 *(78.Kg3 Re1+-)* 78...Rh2+ 79.Ke3 Rxh4 80.Nxd5 Ke6 81.Nf4+ Kf5]
78.Nf4+ Kf5 79.Nxd5 Rb7 80.Ke3 Rb3+

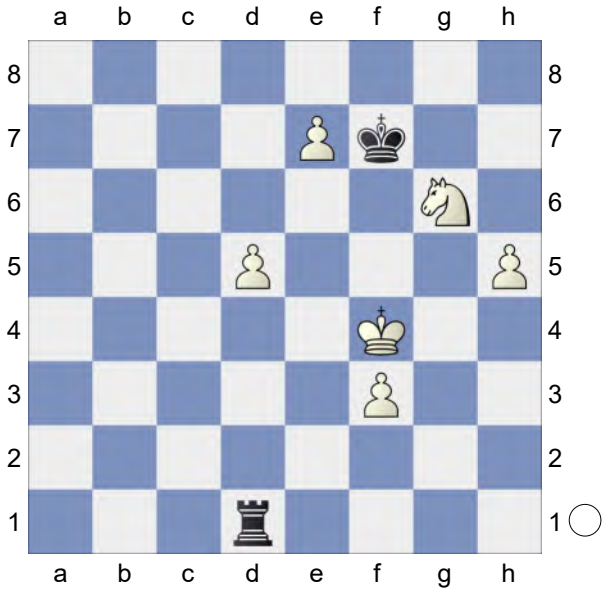


81.Ke2 Ra3? 6.59/22
[81...Rb2+ 3.99/20 82.Kd3 Rf2]
82.h5 White is clearly winning. **82...Ra2+ 83.Kd3 Ra1 84.Ne7+ Ke6 85.Ng6 Kf5**

(Diagram)

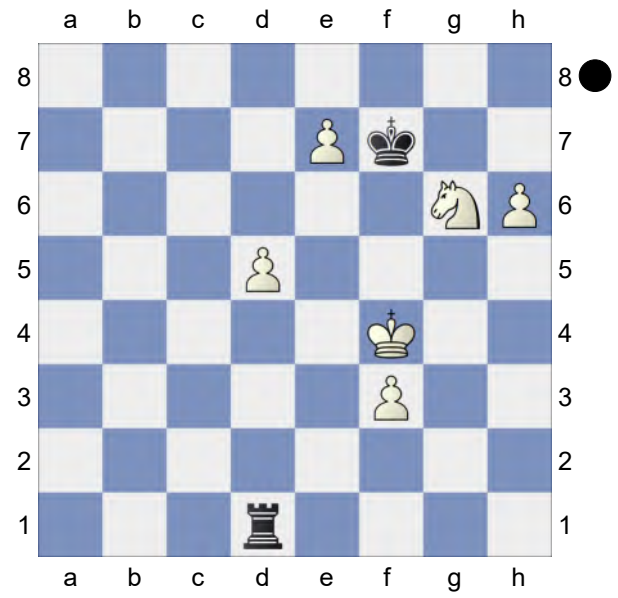


86.d5 Rh1 87.e6 Kf6 88.Ke4 e7 would now be deadly. **88...Re1+ 89.Kf4 Rd1 90.e7 Kf7**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
91.h6

(Diagram)



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32 **A40**
□ **EmanBot** **2951**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2821**
Rapid 01.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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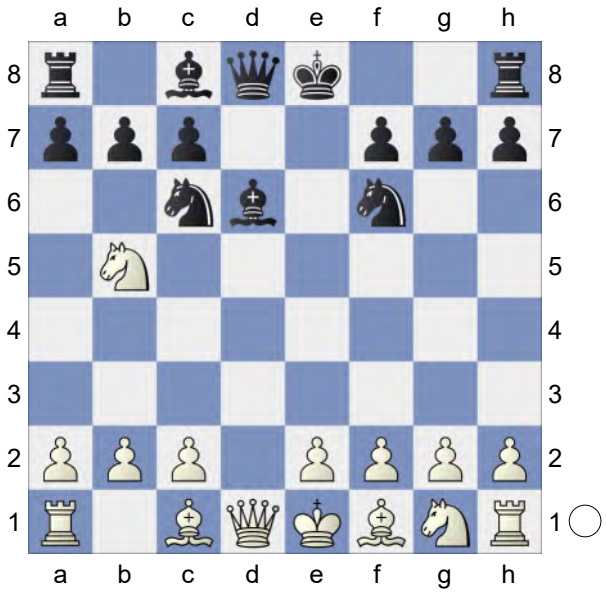
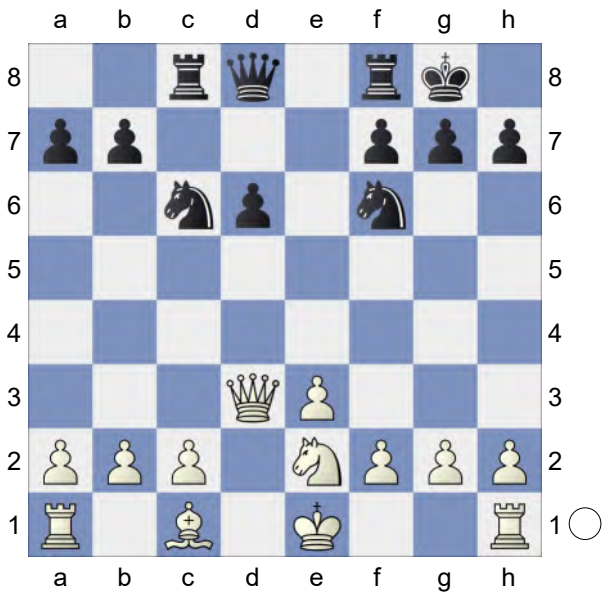
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6**
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
3...Bxd6 4.Nc3N
[4.Nf3 Nc6 *(4...Qe7 5.g3 Bg4 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.c3 0-0-0 8.Qa4 Nf6 9.0-0 h5 10.Bg5 h4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qxg4+ Kb8 13.Nbd2 hxg3 14.hxg3 Qh6 15.Rfd1 Bc5 16.Ne4 Bb6 17.Qg5 Qh7 18.Nc5 f6 19.Qe3* 1-0 (32) Lets Go Argentina (2580)-Is Er Nog Hoop (2585) Blitz 2024*; 4...Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1* ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986*)* 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]
4...Nc6 5.Nb5 Nf6

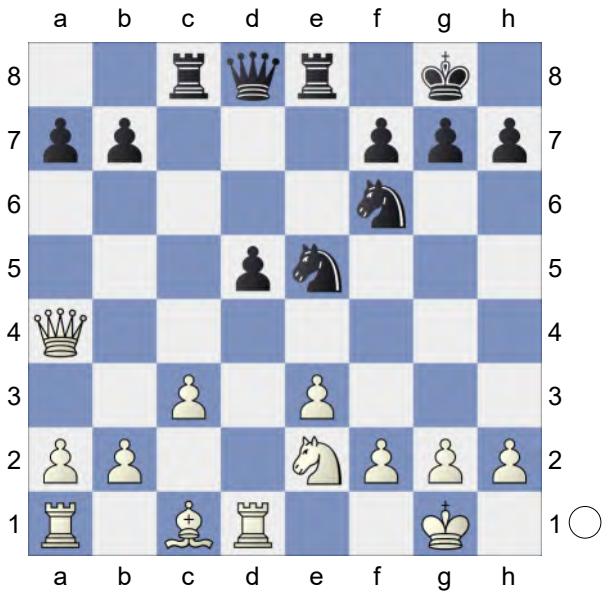


6.Nxd6+ cxd6 7.e3 Bf5 8.Bd3 White is clearly better. **8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3**
[9.cxd3?! Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qd5±]
9...0-0 10.Ne2 Rc8

(Diagram)



11.c3 Prevents Nb4 **11...d5 12.0-0 Ne5 13.Qd4 Nc6 14.Qa4 Re8 15.Rd1 Ne5**



16.Qc2 Qd6 17.h3 Inhibits Neg4. **17...Qa6 18.Nf4 Rcd8 19.b3 Ng6 20.Rd4 Nxf4**

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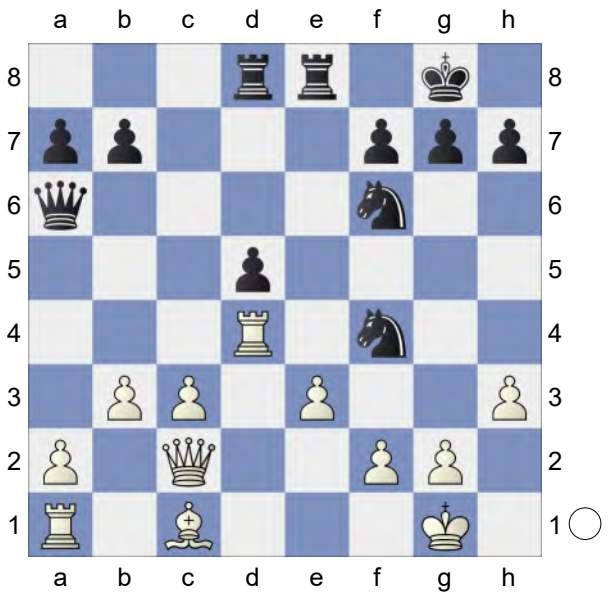
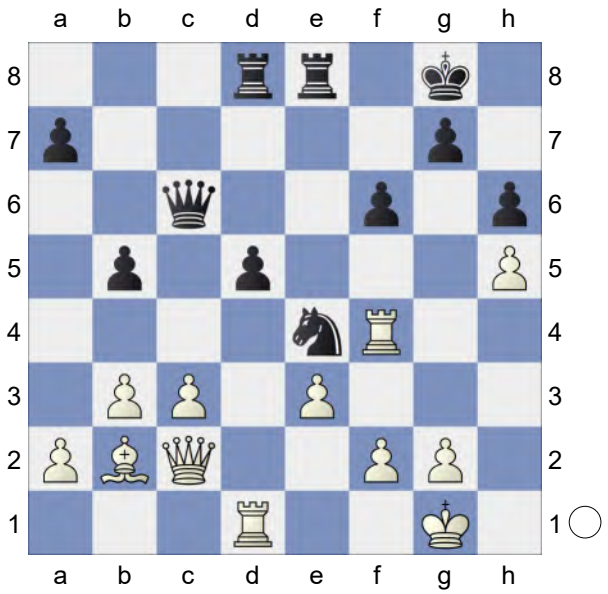


21.Rxf4

[21.exf4? Re1+ 22.Kh2 Qf1-+]

21...Ne4 22.Bb2 f6 23.h4 Qc6 24.Rd1 b5 25.h5 h6



26.c4! Qc7 27.a3 1.23/18

[27.Rxd5? Rxd5 28.Bc1 bxc4 *(28...Rxh5? 29.Rxe4 Rd8 30.Rf4-+)* 29.bxc4 Qc6-+ *(29...Rxh5? 30.Rxe4 Rxe4 31.Qxe4-+)*]

[27.c5+- 1.63/21]

27...a6 1.63/18

[27...Rd6± 1.23/18]

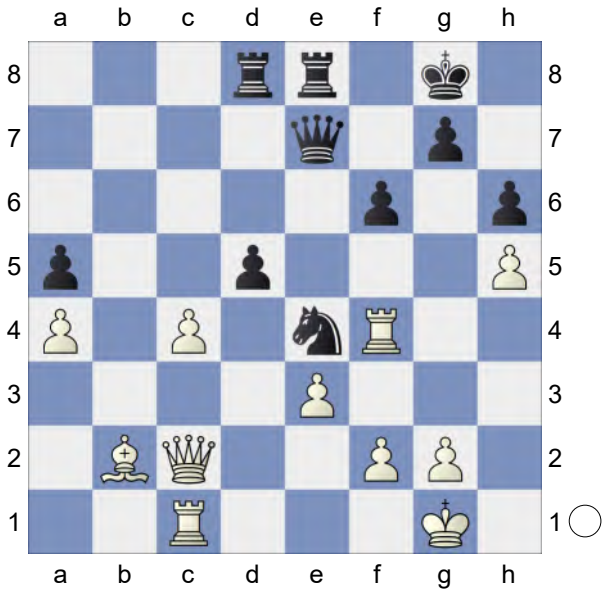
28.a4+-

[28.Rxd5? Rxd5 29.Bc1 Rdd8-+ *(29...Rxh5? 30.Rxe4 Qh2+ 31.Kf1-+)*]

28...bxc4 29.bxc4 a5 30.Rc1

[30.Rxd5? Rxd5 31.Bc1 Rd7-+ *(31...Rxh5? 32.Rxe4 Rxe4 33.Qxe4-+)*]

30...Qe7



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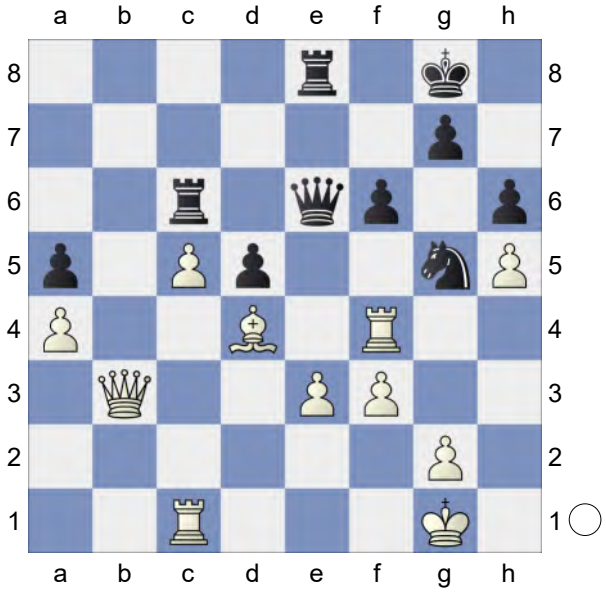

35.Rb1! Kh8

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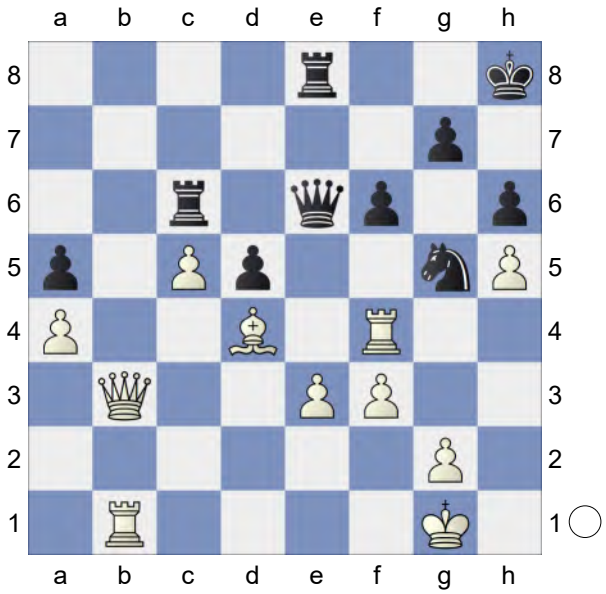


36.Qc3 Qf7 2.26/18

[⌓36...Qd7 1.82/21 37.Qxa5 Rec8]

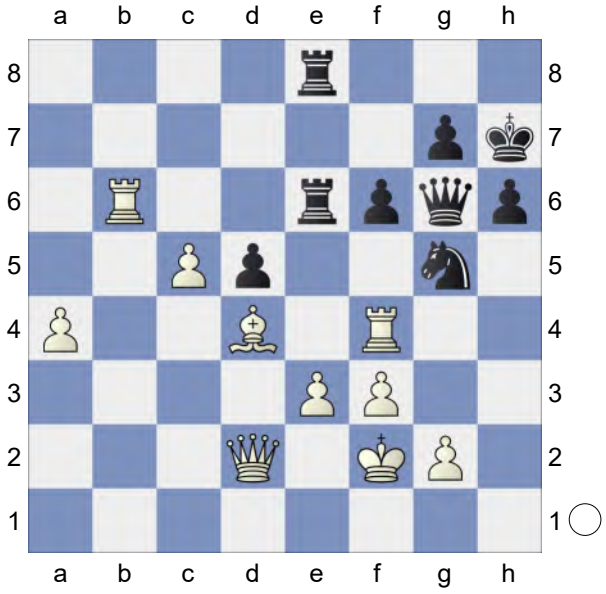
37.Rb6 Rce6 38.Qxa5 Qxh5 39.Qd2 2.40/17

[39.c6?! Qg6 40.Rg4 *(40.Qxd5? Nh3+ 41.Kh2 Nxf4-+)* 40...f5 41.Rxg5 *(41.Rf4? Nh3+ 42.Kf1 Nxf4-+)* 41...Qxg5±]

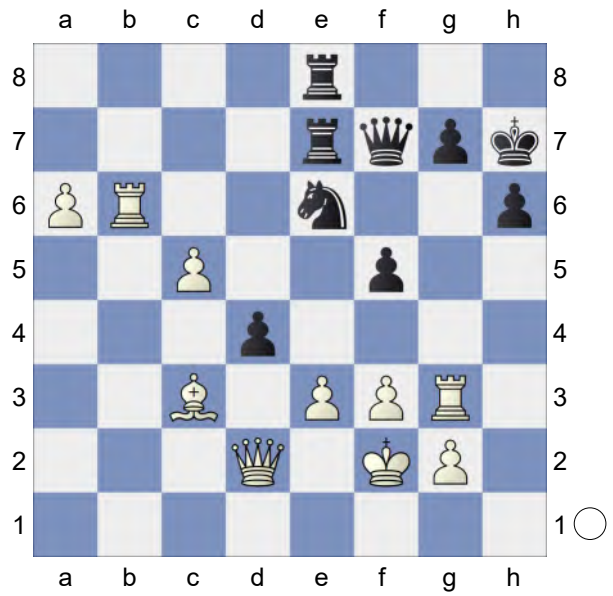
[⌓39.Qa6 1.86/19]

39...Qg6 Strongly threatening ...Nh3+.

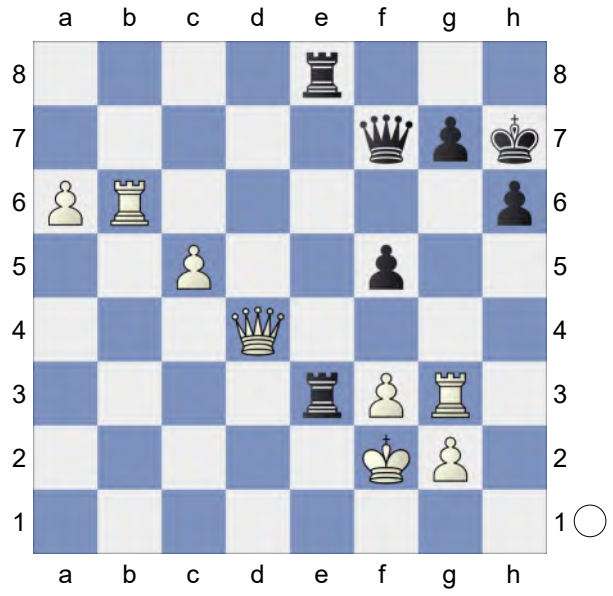
40.Kf2 Kh7



41.a5 R6e7 42.a6 Ne6 43.Rg4 Qf7 44.Bc3 f5 45.Rg3 d4



46.Bxd4
[46.exd4 Ng5 47.Qf4 Qc4±]
46...Nxd4 47.Qxd4
[Weaker is 47.exd4 Re2+ 48.Qxe2 Rxe2+ 49.Kxe2 Qc4+ 50.Ke1 Qc3+ 51.Kf1 f4=]
47...Rxe3



48.Rbg6! Re2+ 49.Kg1 Re1+ 50.Kh2 Qxg6 4.32/18
[50...Rg8 2.91/20 might work better. 51.c6 Re7]

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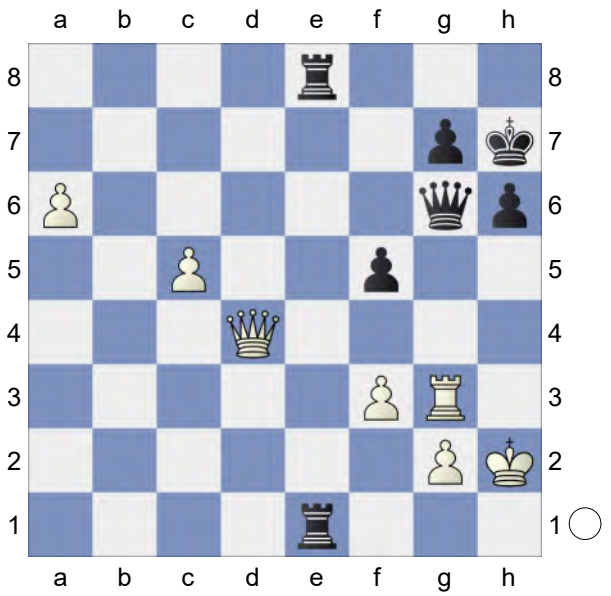
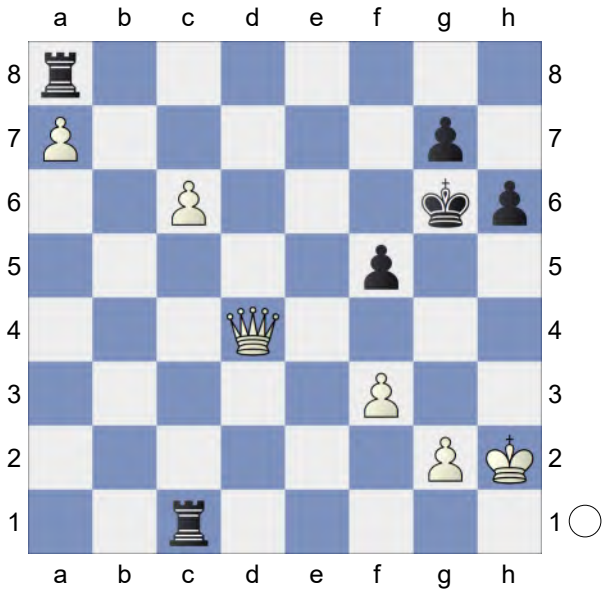


51.Rxg6 Kxg6 Endgame KQ-KRR
52.a7 Ra8 53.c6 Rc1? 6.51/24
[53...Ree8 3.52/19 54.c7 Kf7 55.Qd7+ Kf6 56.Qd6+ Kf7]



54.c7! Qb6+ is the strong threat.
54...Rc8
[54...Re1 55.Qd6+]
55.Qd6+ Kh7

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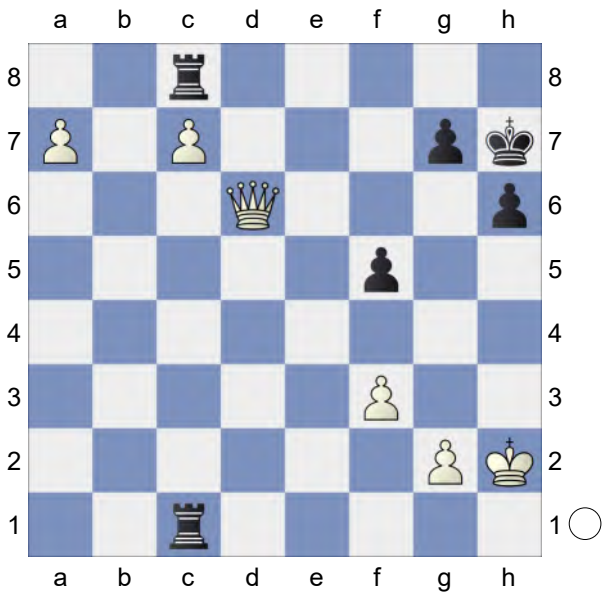

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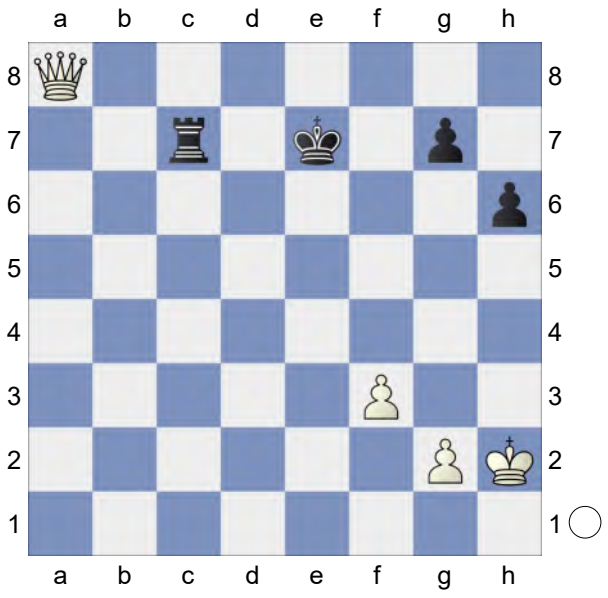
60...Ke7



61.f4 Rd7 62.f5 Kd6

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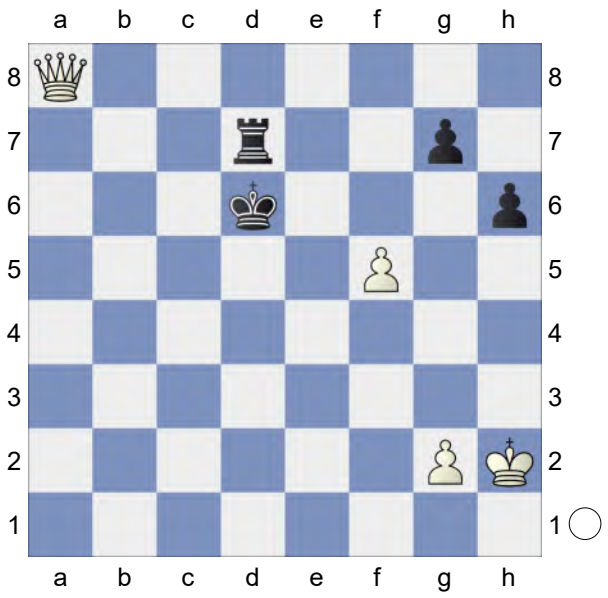
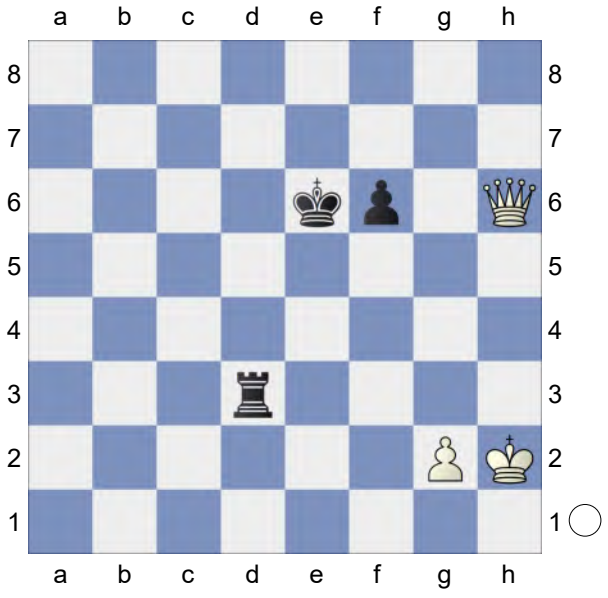
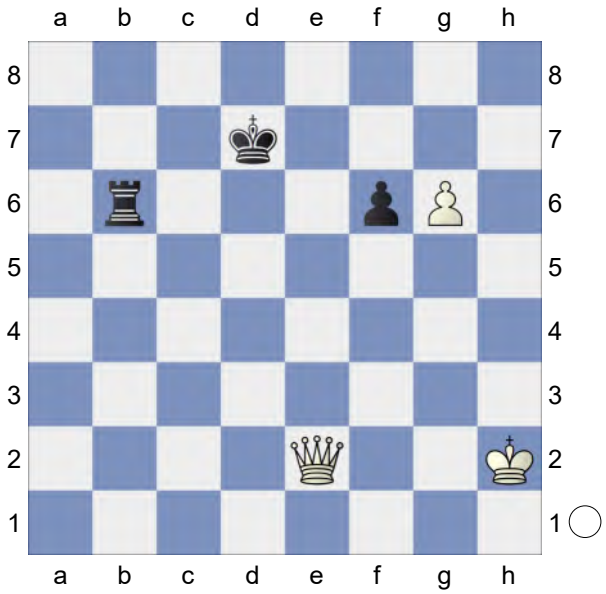


63.f6! gxf6 64.Qf8+ Ke6 65.Qxh6 Rd3



66.g4 Rd6 67.g5 Kf5 68.g6 Rb6 69.Qh5+ 14.82/21
[⌓69.g7 #20/20 Rb2+ 70.Kh1 Rb1+ 71.Kg2 Rb8 72.Qh3+ *(72.Qh7+ Ke6+-)* 72...Kg6 73.Qg3+ Kh7 74.Qxb8]
69...Ke6 70.Qe2+ Kd7

(Diagram)



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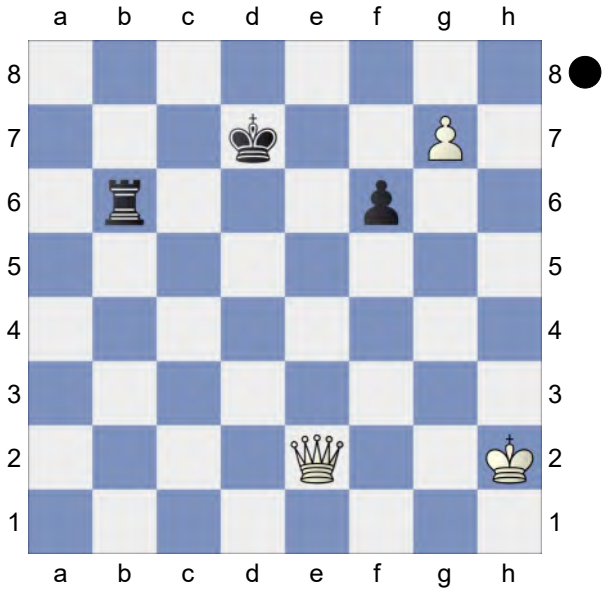
71.g7



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33 **A40**

□ **EmanBot** **2939**

■ **Hoon_Bot** **2834**

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[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6**

[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

3...Bxd6 4.Nc3N

[4.Nf3 Nc6 *(4...Qe7 5.g3 Bg4 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.c3 0-0-0 8.Qa4 Nf6 9.0-0 h5 10.Bg5 h4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qxg4+ Kb8 13.Nbd2 hxg3 14.hxg3 Qh6 15.Rfd1 Bc5 16.Ne4 Bb6 17.Qg5 Qh7 18.Nc5 f6 19.Qe3* 1-0 (32) Lets Go Argentina (2580)-Is Er Nog Hoop (2585) Blitz 2024*; 4...Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1* ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986*)* 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-

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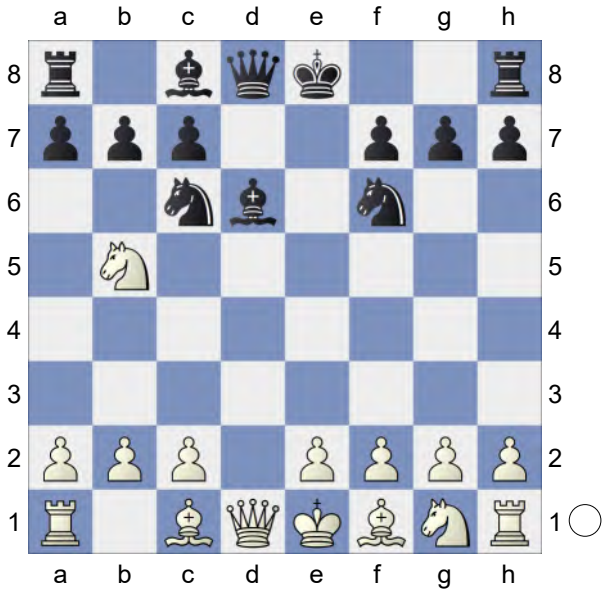
4...Nc6 5.Nb5 Nf6

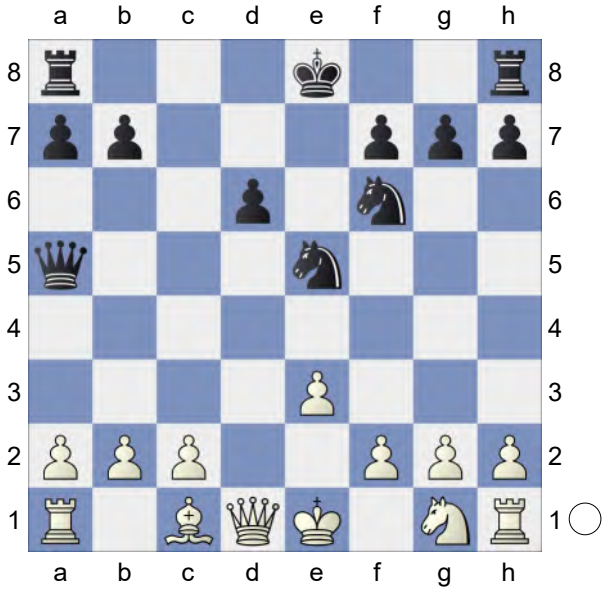


6.Nxd6+ cxd6 7.e3 Bf5 8.Bd3

White is clearly better. **8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3**

[9.cxd3 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qd5]

9...Ne5 10.Qd1 Qa5+



11.Bd2 Qb6 12.b3 Qc6

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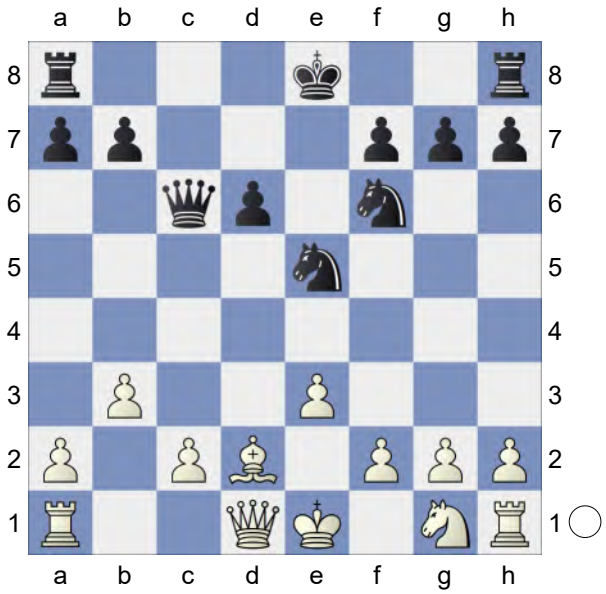
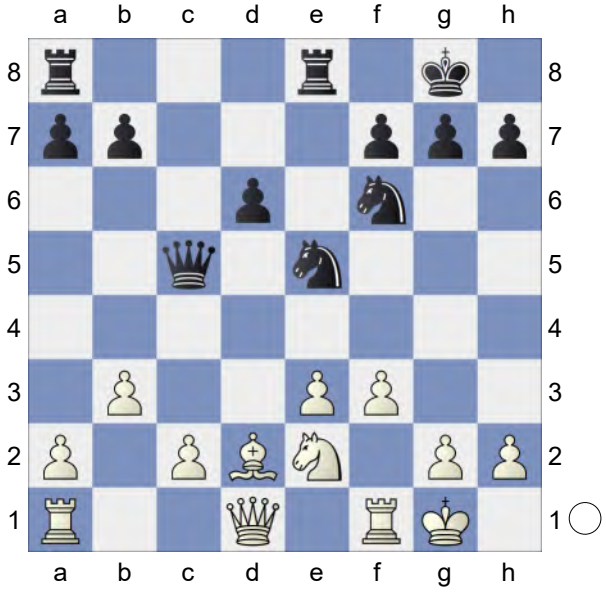


13.f3! 0-0 14.Ne2 Qc5 15.0-0 Rfe8



16.Kh1 d5 17.Rc1 Rad8 18.Qe1 Nc6 19.Qh4 h6 20.Rfe1 Nh7

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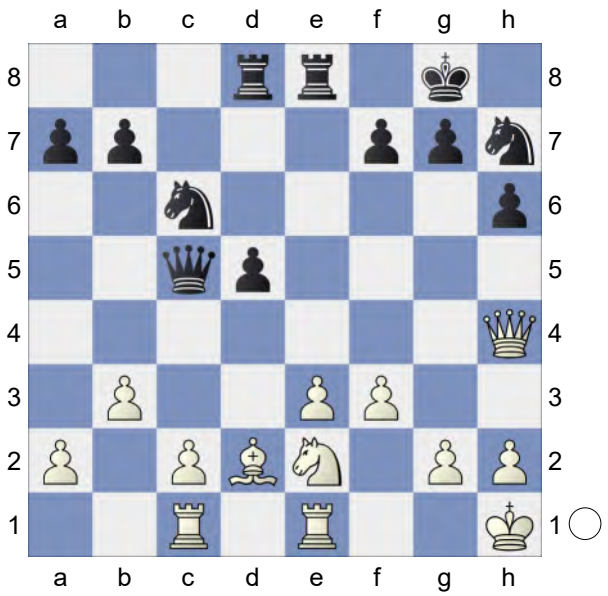
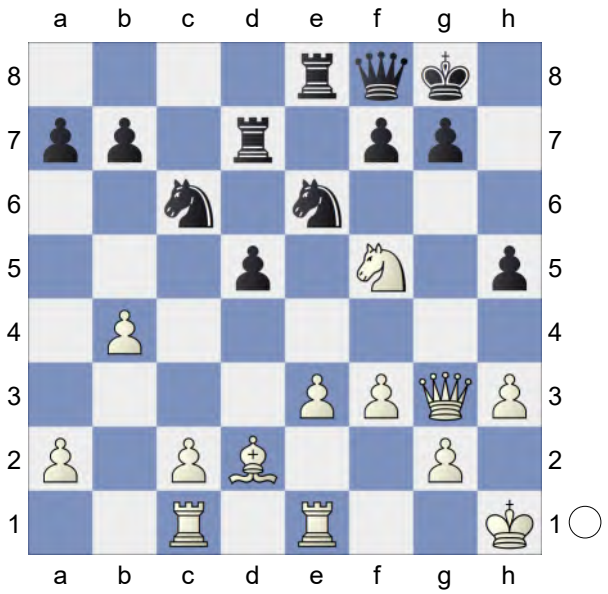


21.Nd4 Nf8 22.Nf5 Ne6 23.b4 Qf8 24.Qg3 White is more active. **24...h5 25.h3** and b5 should not be overlooked **25...Rd7**



26.Qh4 g6 27.b5! Ne7 28.Nxe7+ Qxe7 29.Qxe7 Rexe7 30.Bb4 Re8

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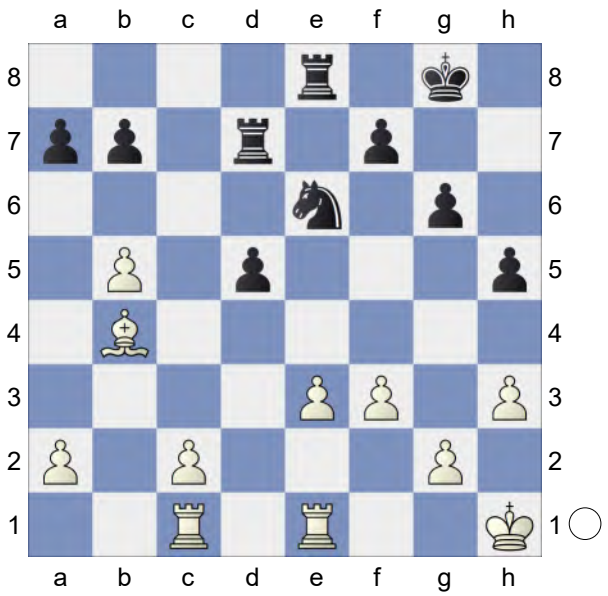

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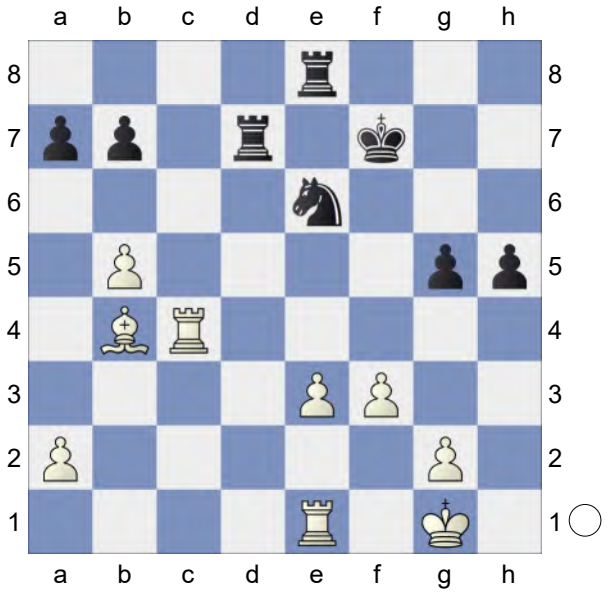


36.Rec1 h4 37.Kh2 Rd3 38.Re4 Red8 39.a4 1.16/18

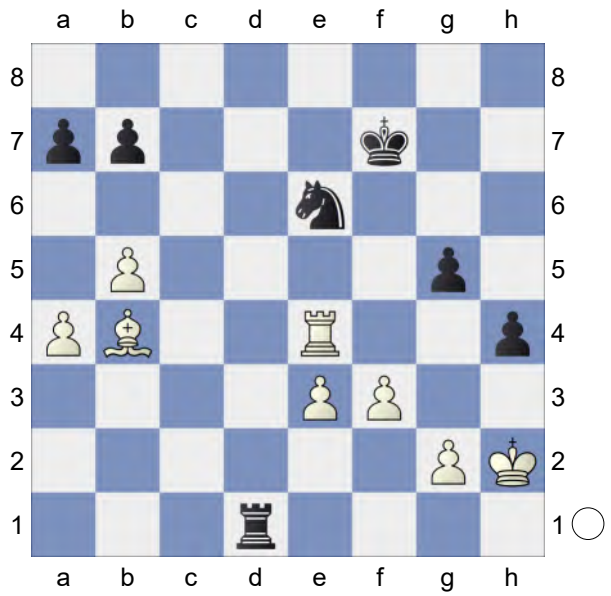
[39.Rcc4+- 1.68/22]

39...Rd1 2.10/18

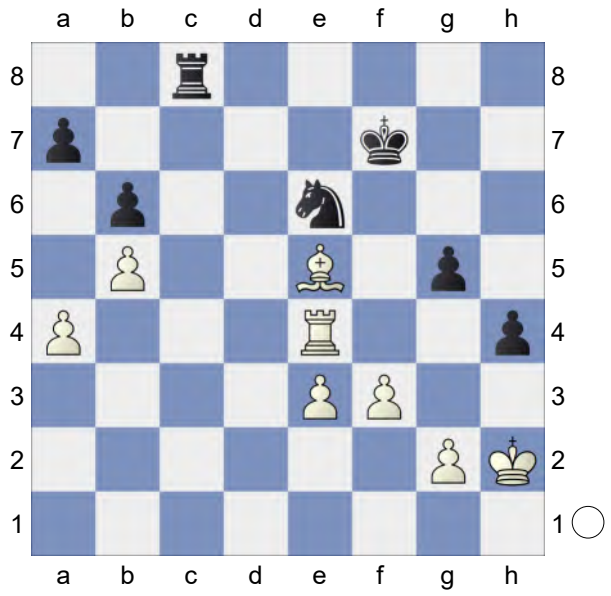
[39...Rb3± 1.16/18 40.Ba5 Rdd3]

40.Rxd1+- Rxd1 Endgame

(Diagram)



KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **41.Bc3! Rc1 42.Bh8 Rc8 43.Bd4 b6 44.Bb2 Rc2 45.Be5 Rc8**



46.Kh3 Nf8 47.Rd4 Ke6 48.Bd6 Nd7 49.Bh2 Ke7 50.Rd5 Rg8

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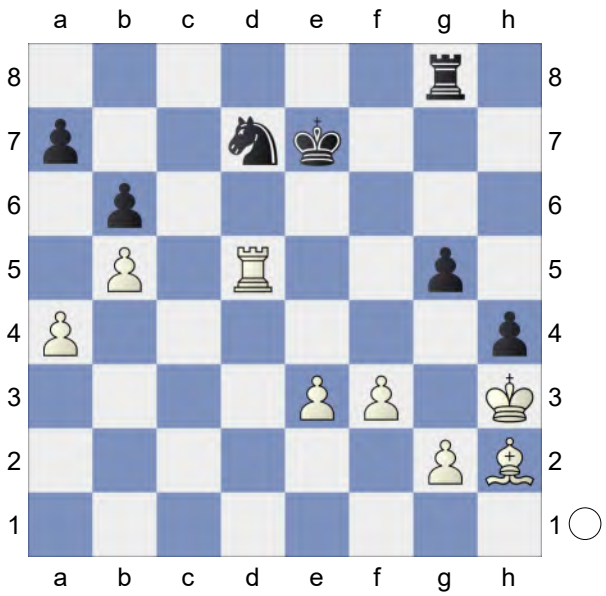

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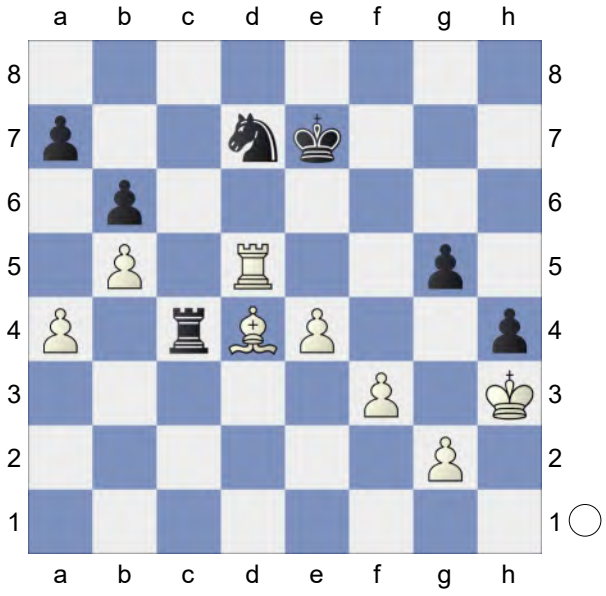


56.Bh8

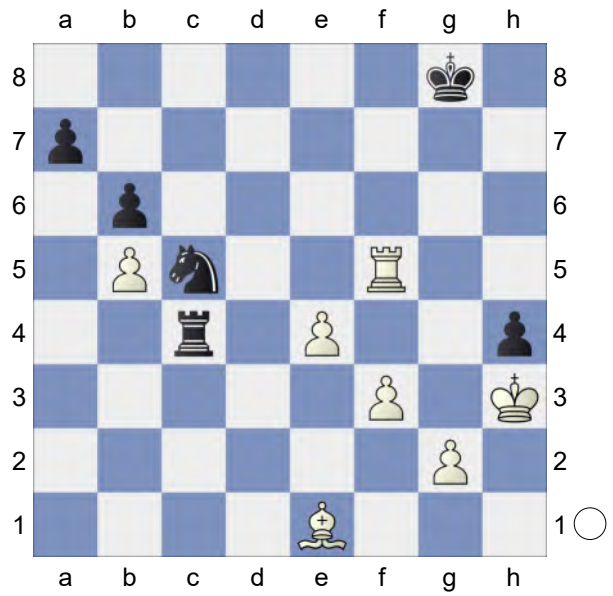
[56.Kg4 Rxa4 57.Kxg5 Ra2 58.Kxh4 Rxg2+-]

56...Rxa4 57.Rxg5 Nc5 58.Bc3 Rc4 And now ...Ne6 would win. **59.Be1 Kf7 60.Rf5+** White is clearly winning.

[Weaker is 60.Bxh4 Rc2 61.Rf5+ Kg6+-]

[60.Kxh4 Nxe4 61.Rf5+ *(61.fxe4 Rxe4+ 62.Rg4 Rxe1=)* 61...Ke6±]

60...Kg8

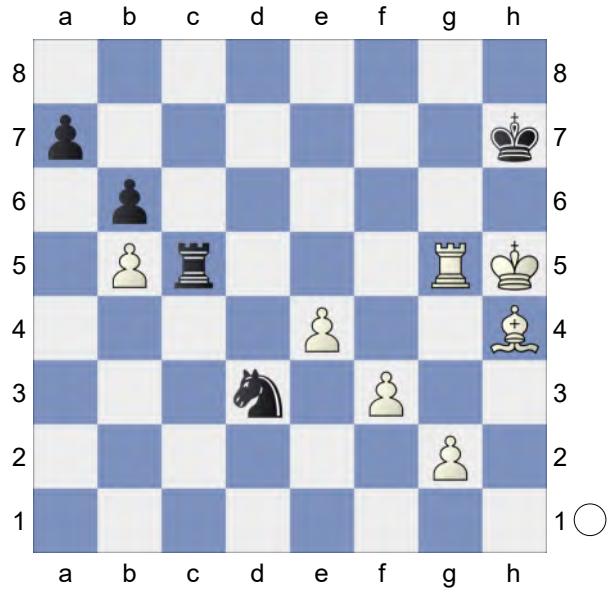


61.Re5

[Don't take 61.Bxh4 Rb4 62.Re5 Rxb5 63.Re8+ Kg7 64.Re7+ Kg8 65.Rxa7 Rb2+-]

[61.Kxh4 Nxe4 62.Kh5 *(62.fxe4 Rxe4+ 63.Kg5 Rxe1=)* 62...Nd6 63.Rg5+ *(63.Rd5 Rc5±)* 63...Kh7±]

61...Nd3 62.Rg5+ Kh7 63.Bxh4 Rc5 64.Kg4 Ne5+ 65.Kh5 Nd3



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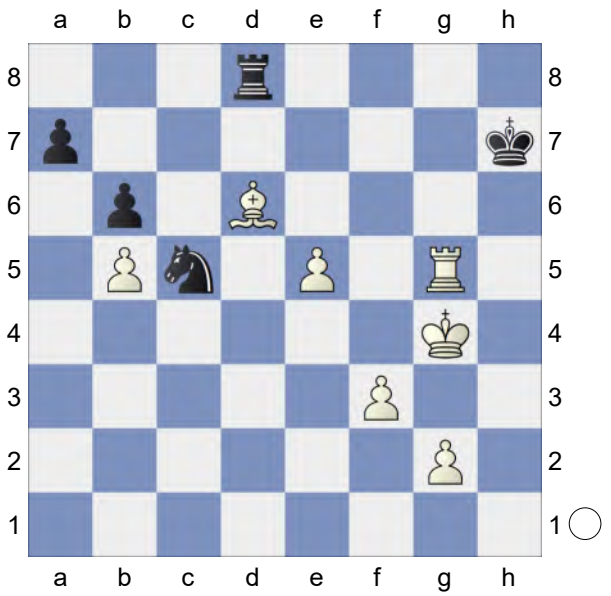

71.Kf5 Rd7 72.Bxc5 bxc5 73.Kf6 Rd8 74.e6 White threatens e7! and mate. **74...Rf8+**

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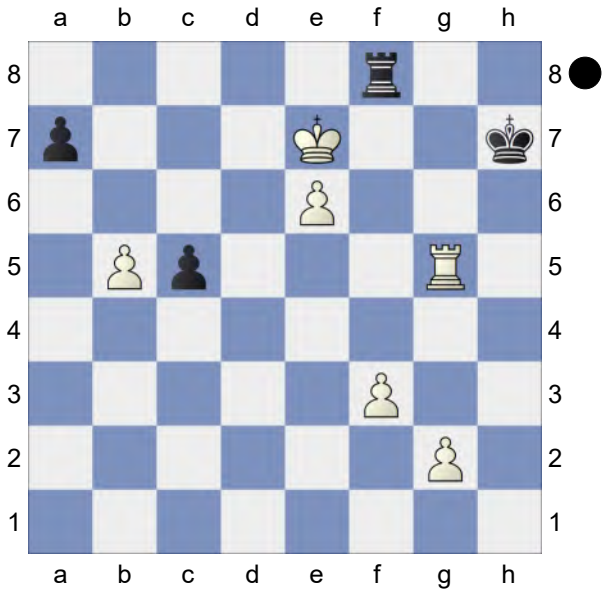
75.Ke7



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34 **A40**
□ **YoBot_v2** **2954**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2823**
Rapid 24.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**
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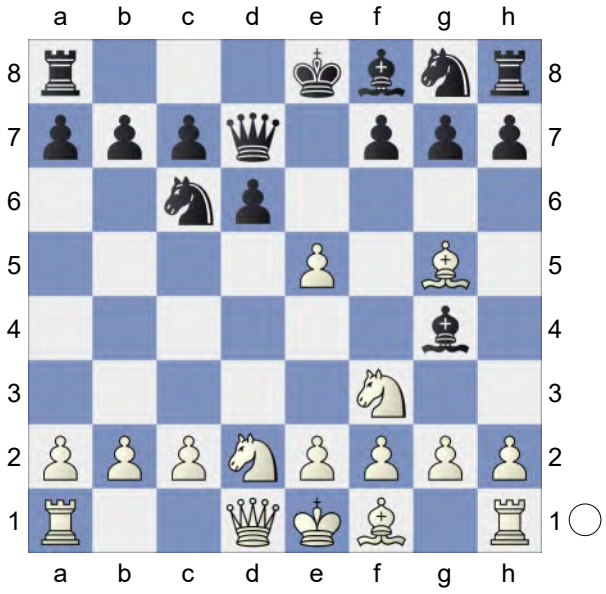
4...Qd7 5.Nbd2N
[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 19.Qd5 Qxd5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 34.Bd1 Nb2 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]
5...Nc6



6.exd6 Bxd6 7.e3 0.75/22
[7.Nc4+- 1.78/19 is more deadly.]
7...f6 8.Bh4 White is better. **8...0-0-0 9.c3 Nge7 10.Qa4 Nd5**

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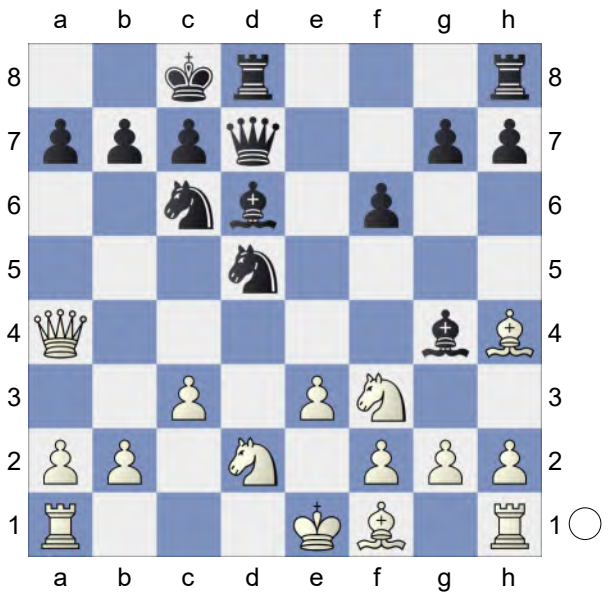

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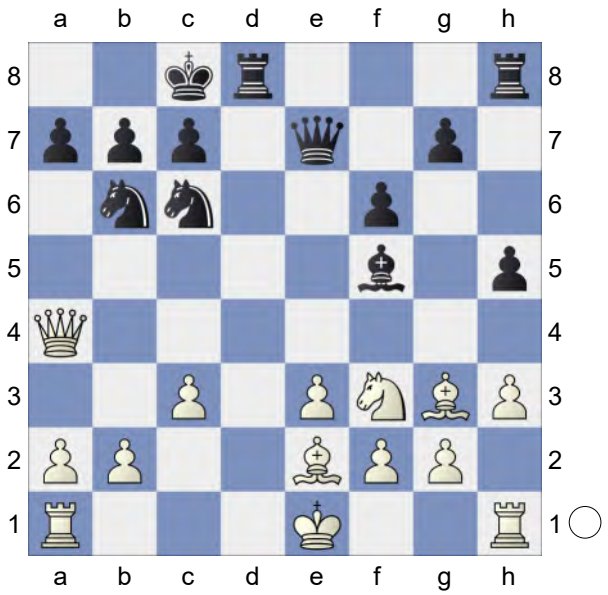

16.Qb3 Qe4

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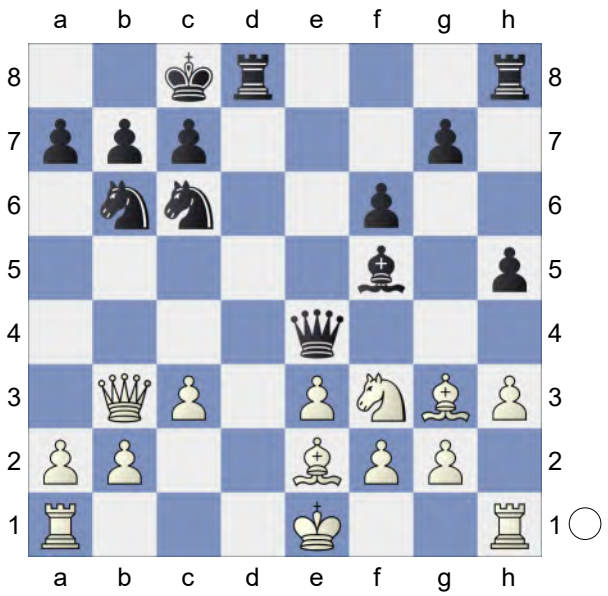

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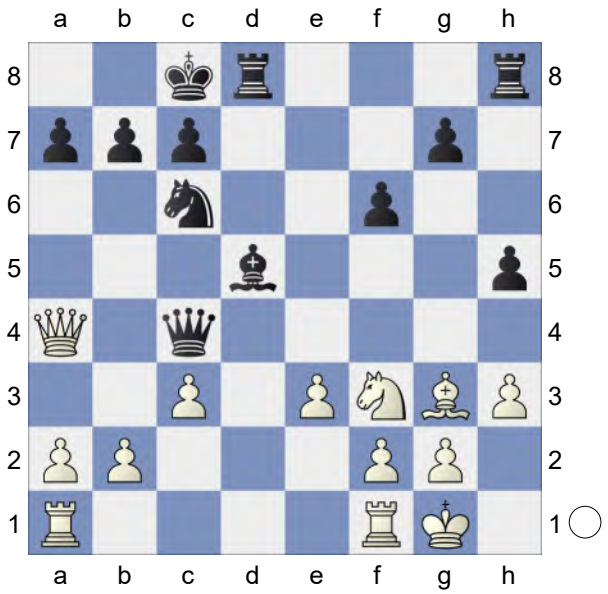
[⌓17.Nh4! 1.29/21]

17...Be6± 18.Qa3 Nc4 19.Qa4 Bd5 20.Bxc4 Qxc4



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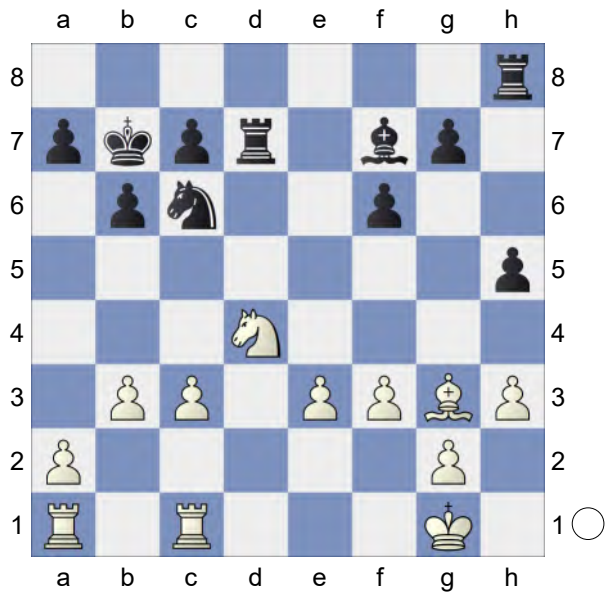

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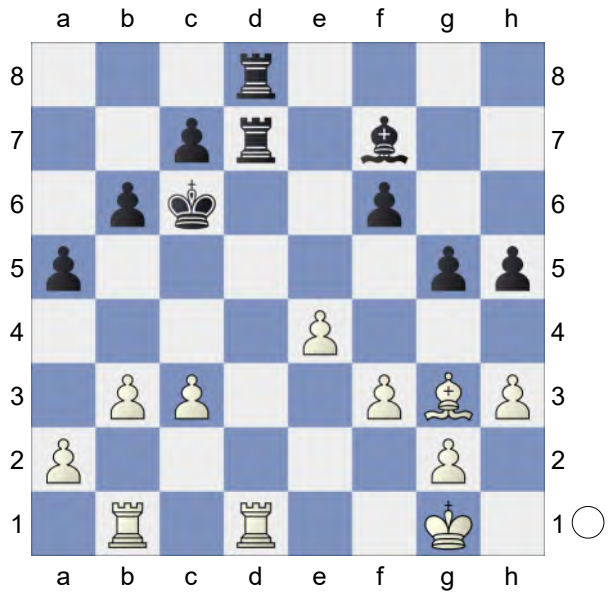

30.Rd4 Kb7

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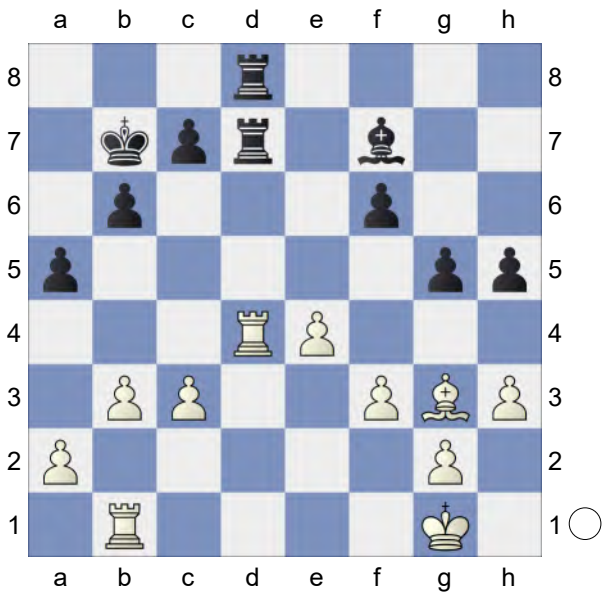
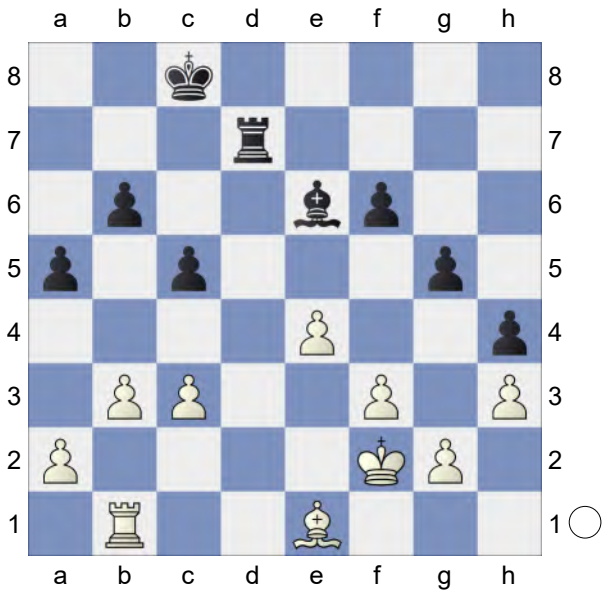
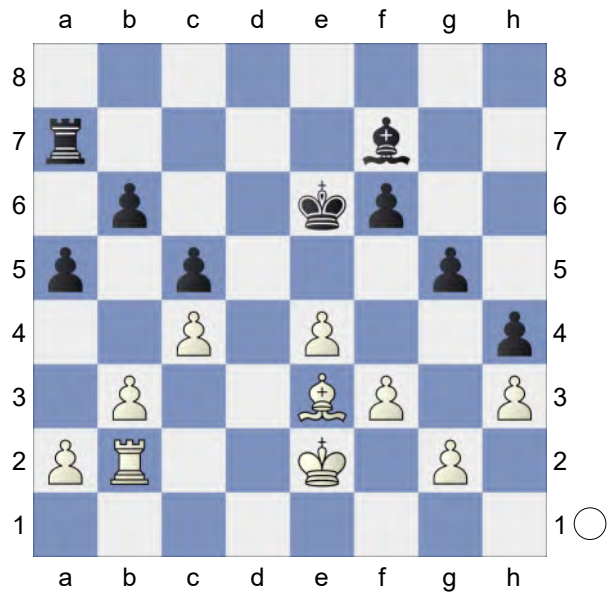


31.Rbd1 Be6 32.Be1 Kc8 33.Kf2 c5 34.Rxd7 Rxd7± Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **35.Rb1 h4**

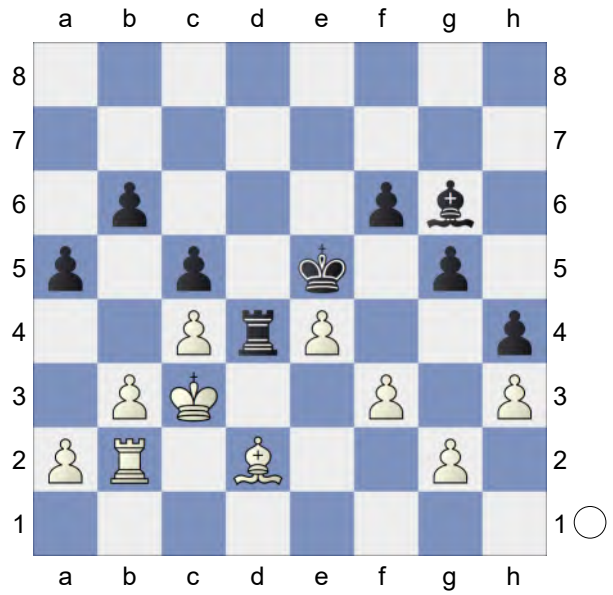


36.c4 Kd8 37.Ke2 0.44/22
[37.f4± 0.85/21]
37...Ke7 38.Bf2 Bf7 39.Be3 Ke6 40.Rb2 Ra7

(Diagram)



41.Bc1 Rd7 42.Bd2 Bg6 43.Kd1 Rd6 44.Kc2 Rd4 45.Kc3 Ke5



46.a3 Bf7! 47.Rb1! Rd8 48.Be3 Be6! 49.Re1 Bg8 50.Rc1 Bf7

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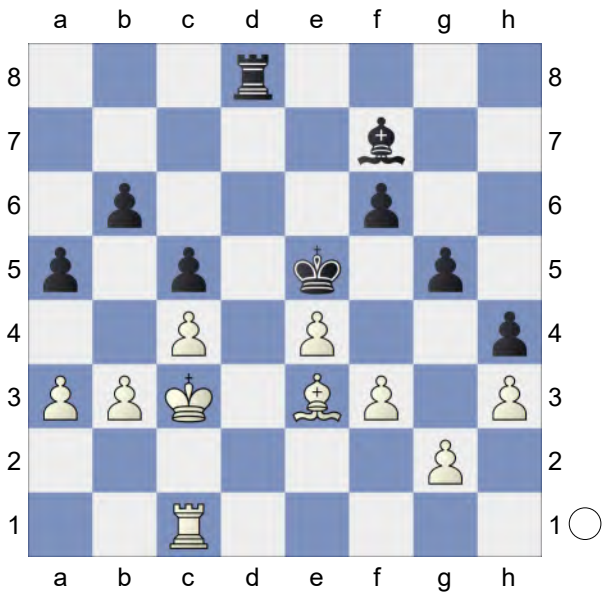
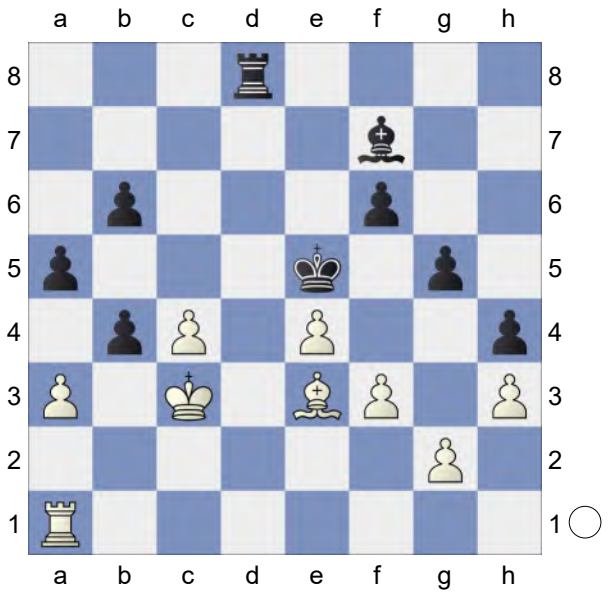
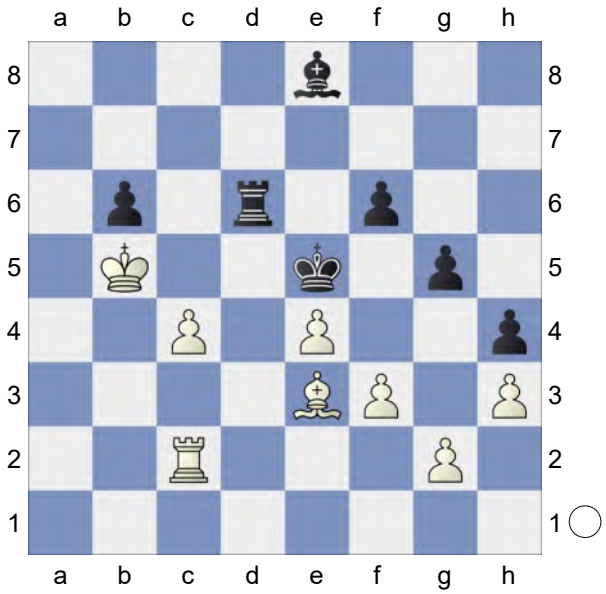


51.Re1 Bg8 52.Ra1 Bf7 0.83/24
[52...a4± 0.42/21]
53.Rc1± Bg8 54.Ra1 Bf7 55.b4 cxb4+

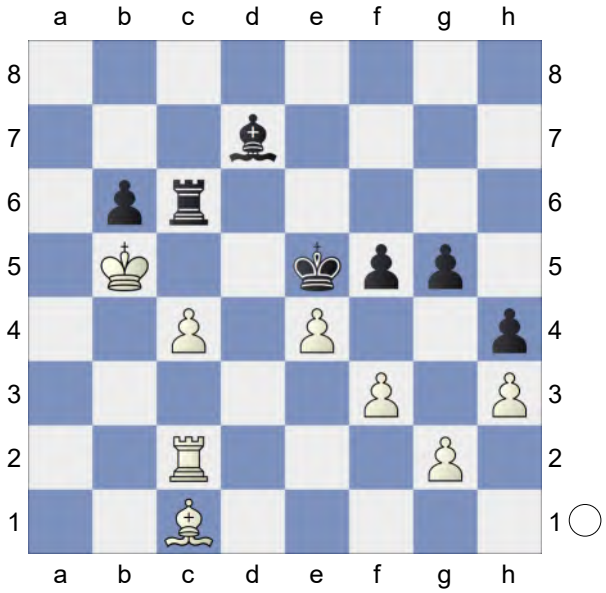


56.axb4 axb4+ 57.Kxb4 Rc8 58.Rc1
[58.Bxb6?! Rxc4+ 59.Kb5 Rc2=]
58...Rc6 59.Kb5 Rd6 60.Rc2 0.22/17
[60.Ra1± 0.91/18]
60...Be8+=

(Diagram)



61.Kb4 Rc6! 62.Rc3 Bd7 63.Bc1 Bc8 64.Kb5 Bd7 65.Rc2 f5

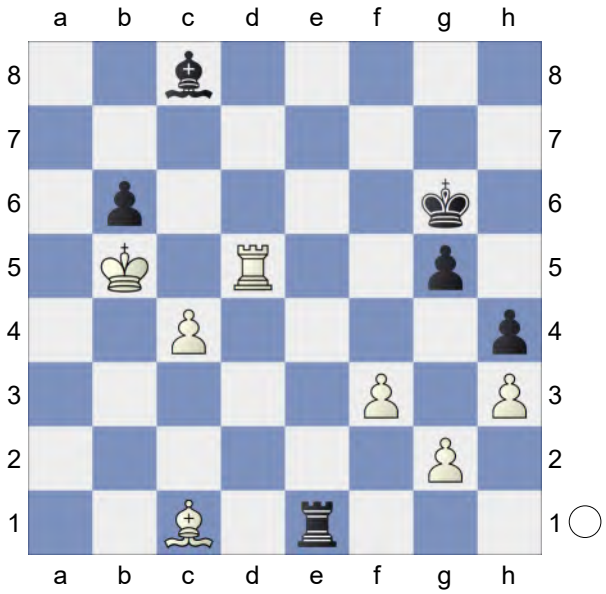


66.exf5

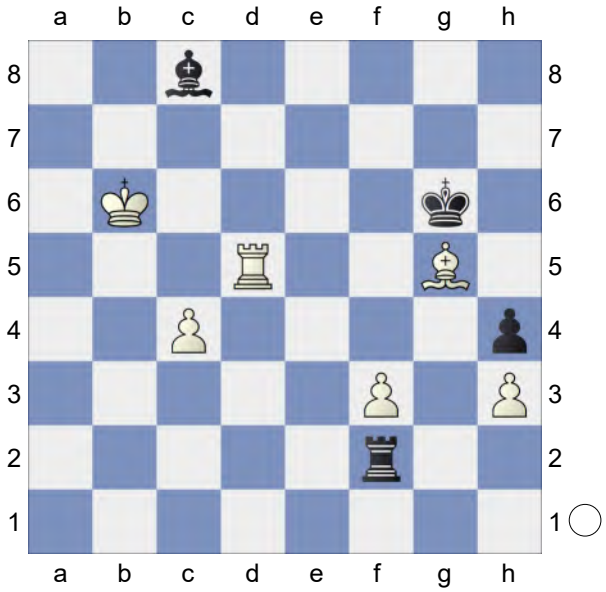
[66.Bxg5? Rg6+ *(66...fxe4 67.Kb4=)* 67.Ka6 Rxg5 68.Kxb6 fxe4 69.fxe4 Rg6+ *(69...Kxe4? 70.c5-+)* 70.Kc5 Kxe4-+]

66...Kxf5 67.Kb4 Bc8 68.Kb5 Re6 The position is equal. **69.Rd2 Re1 70.Rd5+ Kg6!**

(Diagram)



71.Rxg5+ Kf6! 72.Bd2 Re2 73.Rd5 Rxg2 74.Kxb6 And now Be1 would win. **74...Rf2 75.Bg5+ Kg6**



76.Bxh4 Rxf3 77.c5 Rxh3 78.c6 Rxh4 KRB-KR **79.c7 Kf7 80.Rd1 Ke7**

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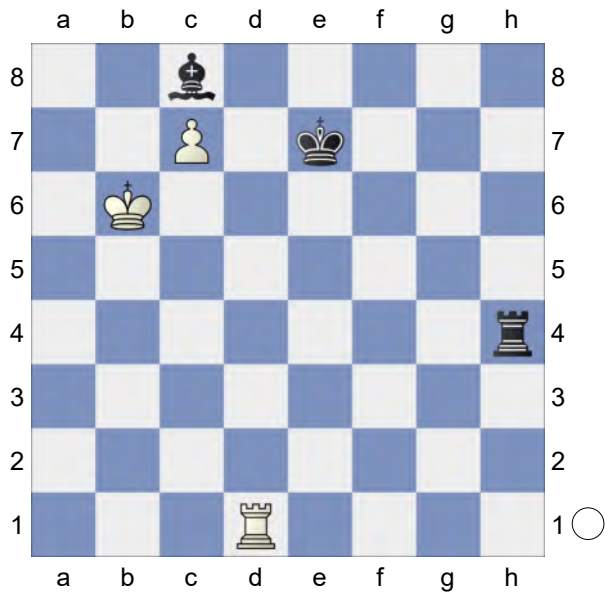
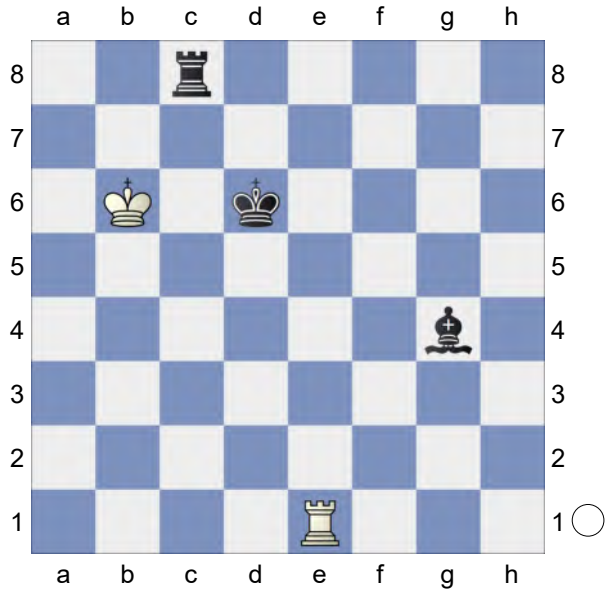


81.Ra1 Rc4 82.Rb1 Rc2 83.Ra1 Bg4 84.c8Q Rxc8 85.Re1+ Kd6



86.Ra1 Rb8+ 87.Ka7 Rb3 88.Rc1 Be2 89.Ra1 Rb4 (-> ...Kc7) **90.Rc1 Bd3**

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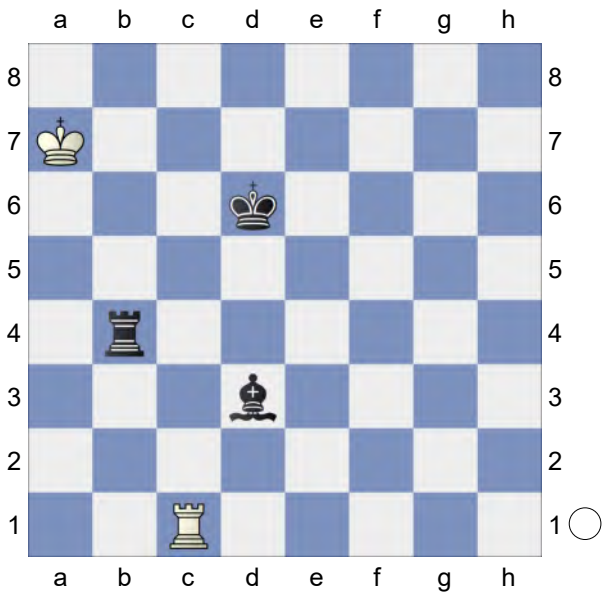
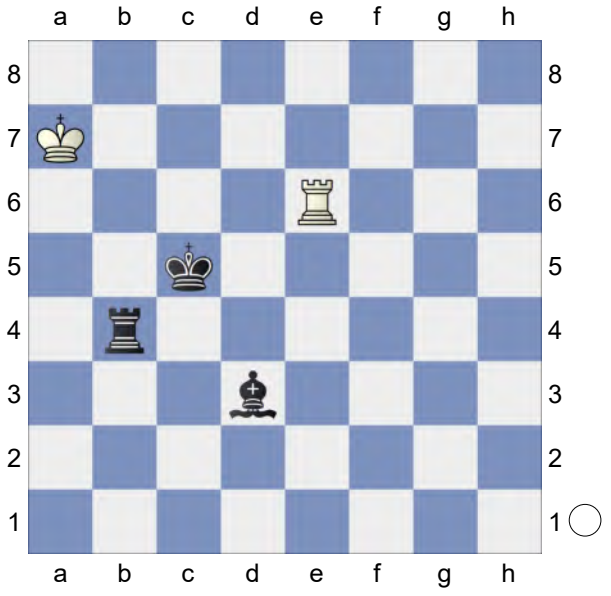


91.Re1 Kc7 92.Re7+ Kc6 93.Re6+ Kc7 (-> ...Ra4+) **94.Re7+ Kc6 95.Re6+ Kc5**



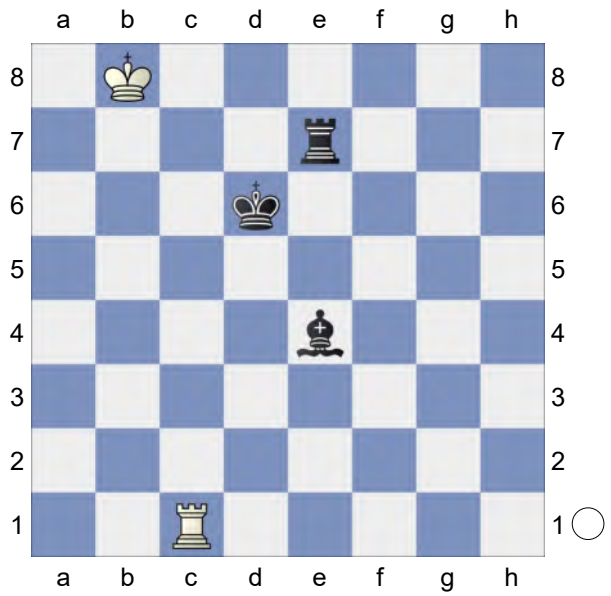
96.Re1 Ra4+ 97.Kb7

[97.Kb8 Be4 98.Kc7 Ra7+ 99.Kb8 Re7-+]

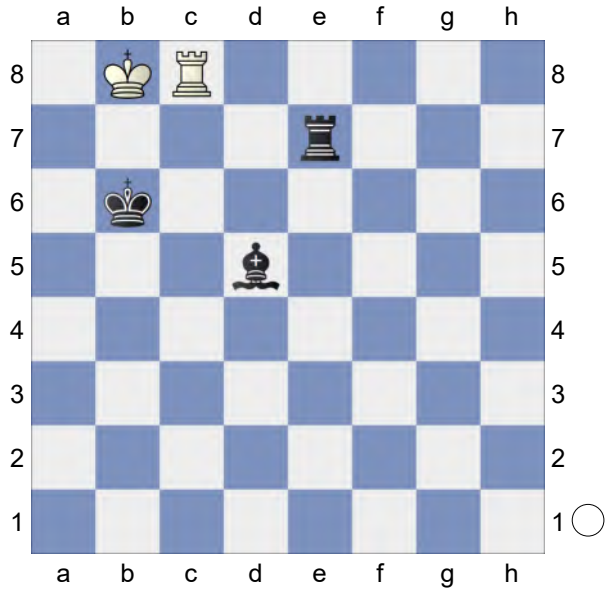
97...Be4+ 98.Kc7!

[98.Kb8 Kb6 99.Kc8 Rd4 100.Rxe4 Rxe4 101.Kd7 Kc5 102.Kc7 Rd4 103.Kb7 Rd7+ 104.Kc8 Kc6 105.Kb8 Rd8+ 106.Ka7 Rh8 107.Ka6 Ra8#]

98...Ra7+ 99.Kb8 Re7 100.Rc1+ Kd6



101.Rc7! Re5 (-> ...Rb5+) **102.Rc4! Bd5 103.Rc8! Re7 104.Rd8+! Kc6 105.Rc8+ Kb6**



106.Rc1 Re8+ 107.Rc8 Re3 (-> ...Ra3) **108.Rc1 Re8+ 109.Rc8 Re4** (-> ...Ra4) **110.Rc1 Bc6**

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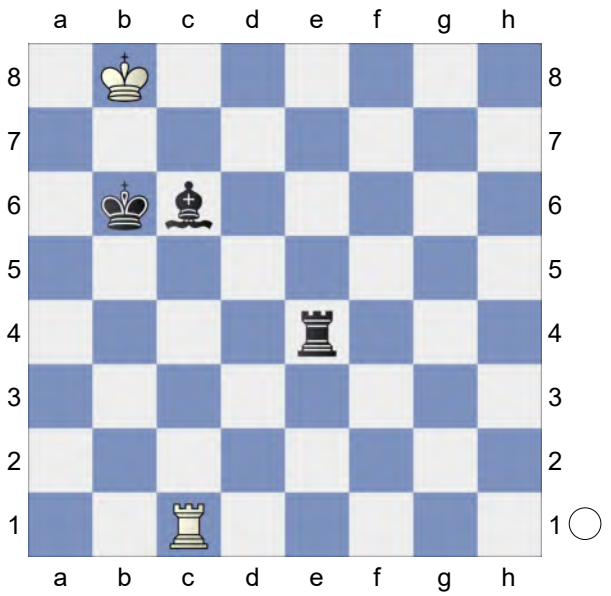
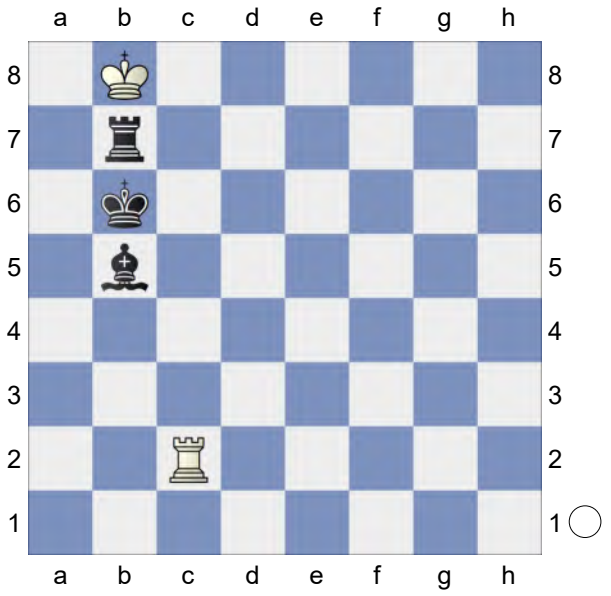
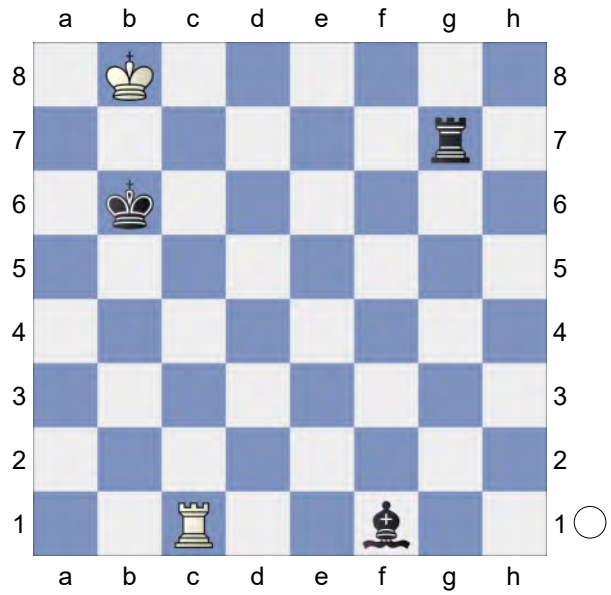


111.Rb1+ Bb5
[111...Ka5 112.Kc7∓]
112.Rc1 Bd7 (-> ...Re8+)
[112...Ka5 113.Kc7∓]
113.Rb1+ Bb5 114.Rc1 Re7
[114...Ka5 115.Kb7∓]
115.Rc2 Rb7+
[115...Ka5? 116.Rc7 Re6 117.Rh7-+]

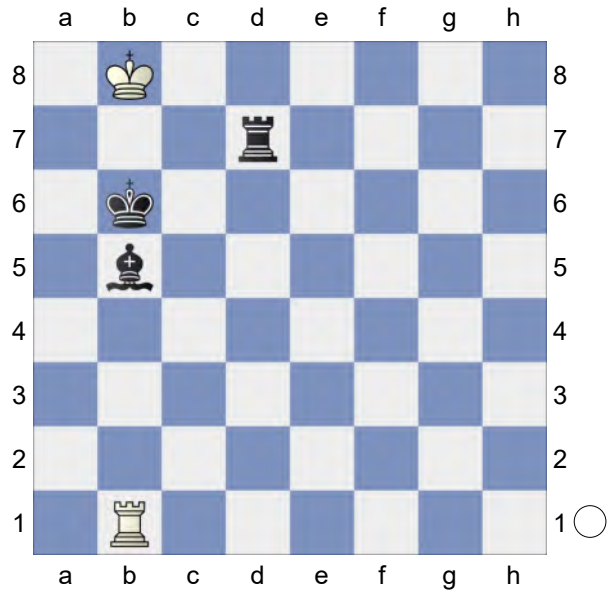


116.Ka8 Rg7 (-> ...Rg8+) **117.Kb8! Bf1**
[117...Ka5? 118.Rc7 Rg6

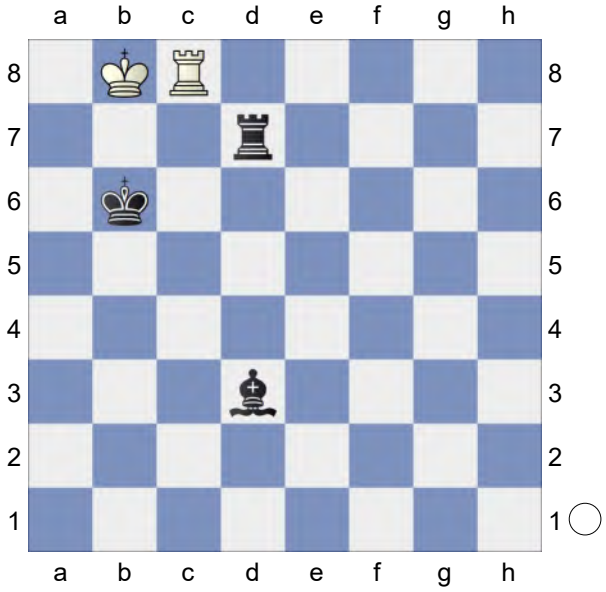
119.Kb7-+]
118.Rc1 Be2 119.Rb1+ Bb5
[119...Ka5? 120.Rb7 Rg6 121.Kc7-+]
120.Rc1 Bf1



121.Rb1+
[121.Rxf1? is a self mate. Rg8+]
121...Bb5 122.Rc1 Rb7+
[122...Ka5? 123.Rc7 Rg6 124.Kb7 Ba6+ 125.Ka7-+]
123.Ka8 Rd7 124.Kb8! Bf1 125.Rb1+ Bb5

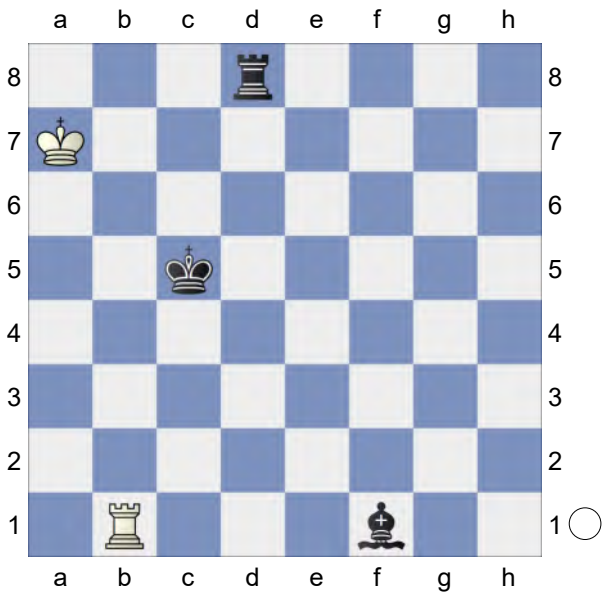


126.Rc1 Rd8+
[126...Ka5 127.Rc7∓]
127.Rc8 Rd6 and ...Ba6 would now be decisive **128.Rc1 Bd3** (-> ...Bf5)
[128...Ka5? 129.Kb7-+]
129.Rc3 Rd8+
[Don't play 129...Ka5 130.Kc7∓]
130.Rc8 Rd7



(-> ...Rb7+) **131.Rc3 Ba6** (-> ...Rd8+)
[131...Ka5? 132.Kc8 Bb5 133.Rc5-+]
132.Rb3+ Kc5
[132...Ka5? 133.Rb2-+]
133.Rb1 Rd8+ 134.Ka7 White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
134...Bf1

(Diagram)



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35 **A40**
□ **HowardXue** **2932**
■ **derdimcokanacan** **2809**
Blitz 22.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4.Bf4N
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 19.Qd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero, M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]
[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch, A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]
4...Nc6 5.exd6 Qf6

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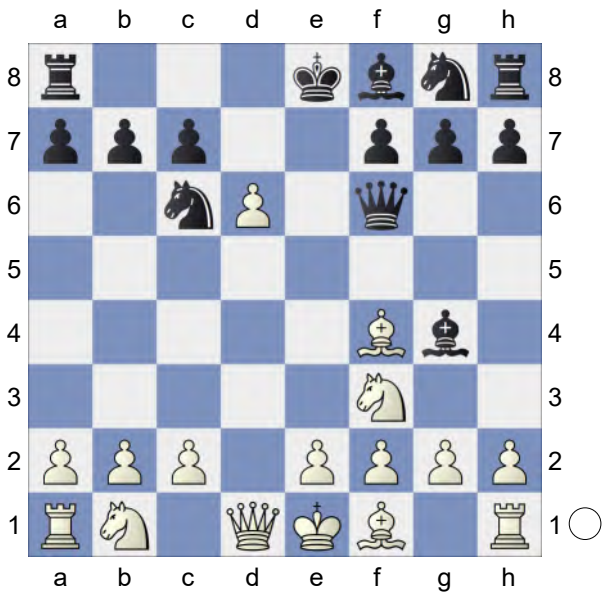
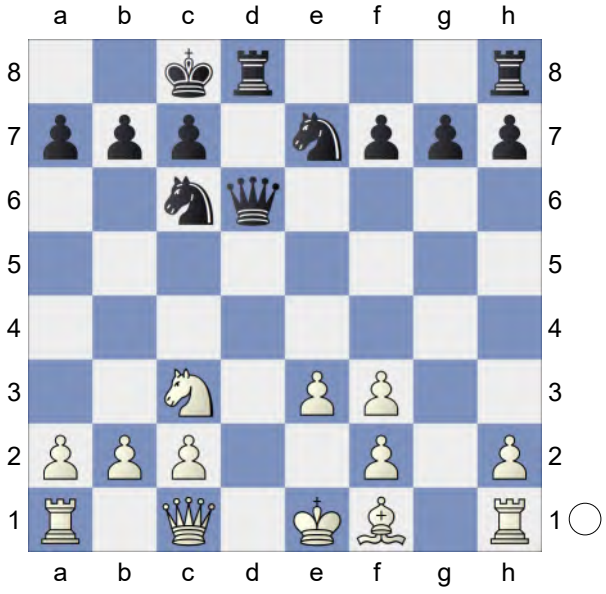
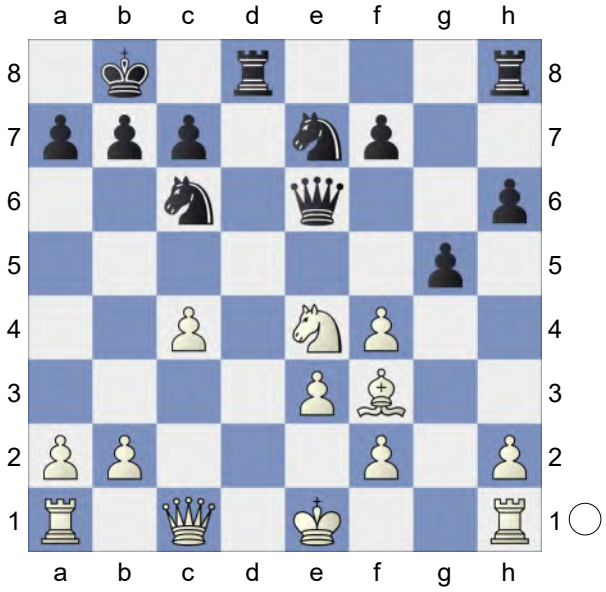


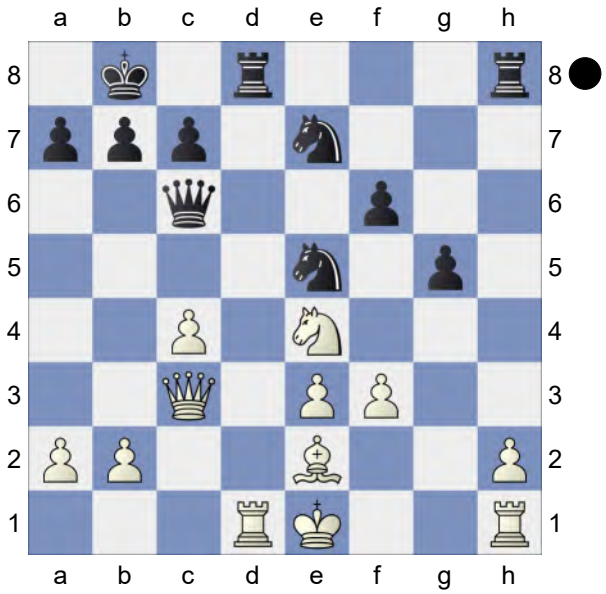
6.Qc1 0.61/17
[Better is 6.h3± 1.08/19]
6...Bxd6± 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Nc3 -0.27/19
[8.Qd2± 0.96/20]
8...0-0-0= 9.e3 Bxf3 10.gxf3 Nge7



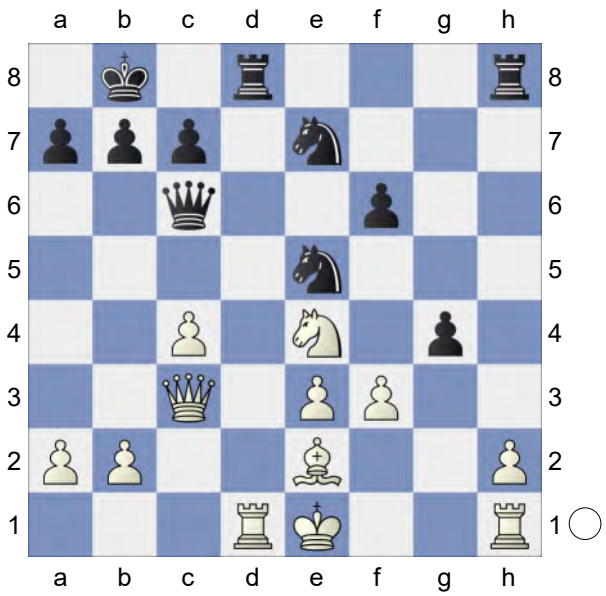
11.Be2 Kb8 Black has compensation.
12.f4 h6 -0.07/19
[12...g5∓ -0.49/20 13.fxg5 h6]
13.Ne4 -1.28/19
[13.Bd3= -0.07/19 keeps the balance.]
13...Qd5 -0.31/22
[13...Qe6∓ -1.28/19 14.Ng3 g5]
14.Bf3 -1.30/17
[14.Ng3!∓ -0.31/22]
14...g5∓ Black is much more active. The white rooks are passive. **15.c4** -2.08/19
[15.Qd2∓ -1.12/18 was worth a try. Qf5 16.Qc3 *(16.Ng3? Qh3-+)*]
15...Qe6



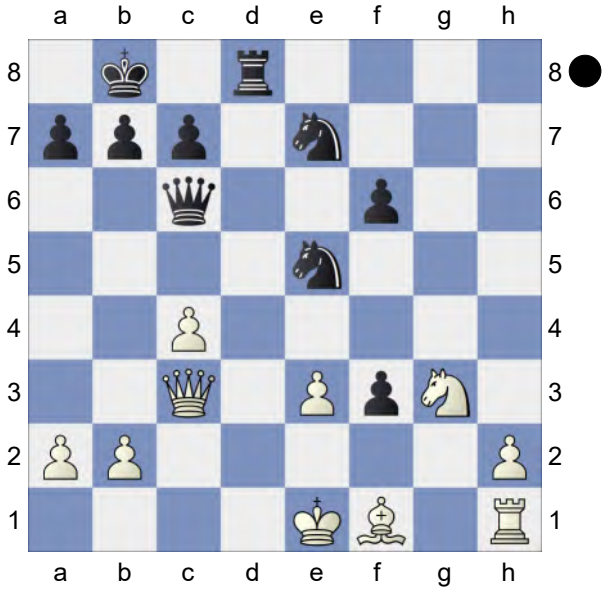
16.fxg5 Ne5 17.Be2 Qc6 18.f3 -3.45/18
[18.Qc2∓ -1.50/18]
18...hxg5-+ 19.Qc3 f6 ...g4! would now be deadly. **20.Rd1**



g4!



21.Rxd8+
[21.Nf2 gxf3]
21...Rxd8 22.Ng3 gxf3
[Weaker is 22...Nxf3+ 23.Kf2∓]
23.Bf1



Nf5! A dynamic duo of knights. **24.Rg1**
[24.Qd2 Rxd2]

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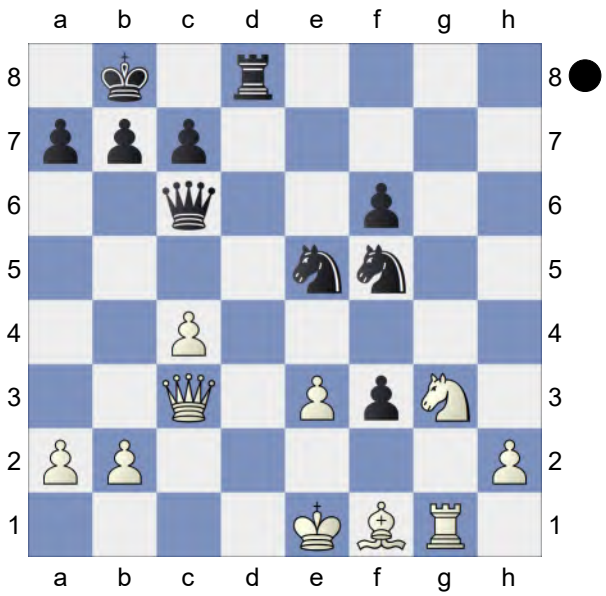
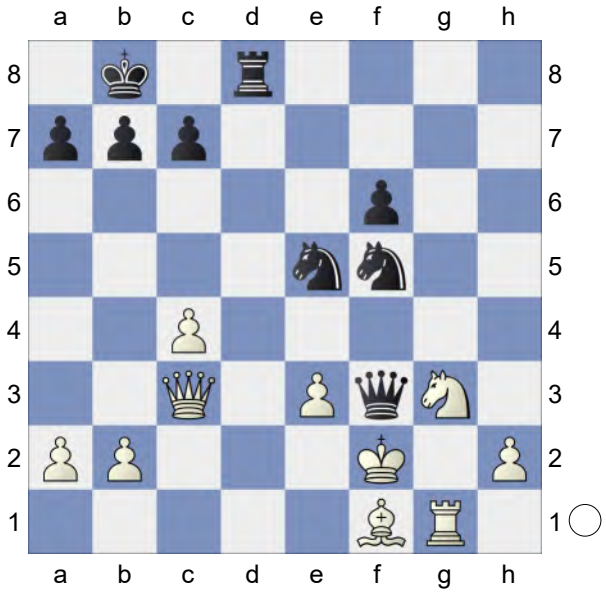


24...f2+! Decoy. Black mates. **25.Kxf2 Qf3+**



26.Ke1 White got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.08/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
26...Rd1#

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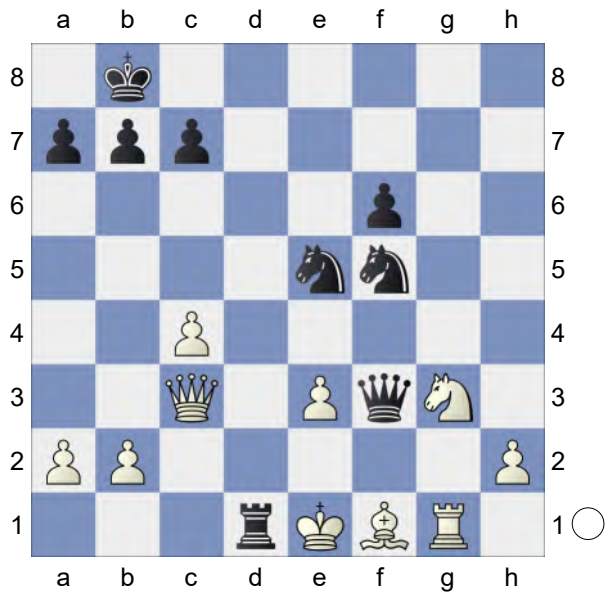

Normal
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36 **C21**
□ **gennadigleizerov** **2842**
■ **PchelkinVK** **2605**
Blitz 16.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C41: Philidor Defence
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.e4N**
[3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 *(4...Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1* ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986*)* 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 f6 *(4...Be7 5.Bxe7 Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rd1* 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998*)* 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 Be6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3 g5 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024]
[3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.e4 Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxd6 a4 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]
3...Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bb5 dxe5

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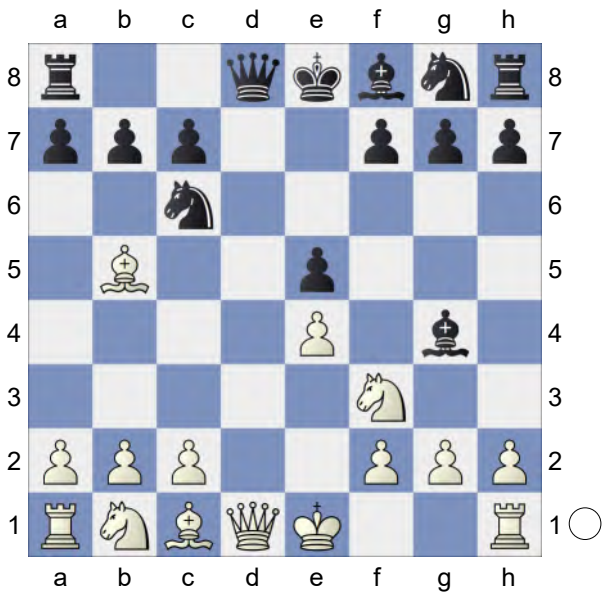
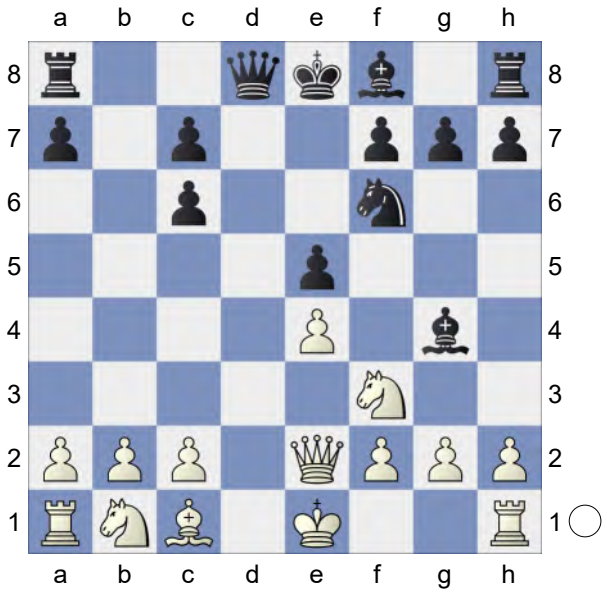
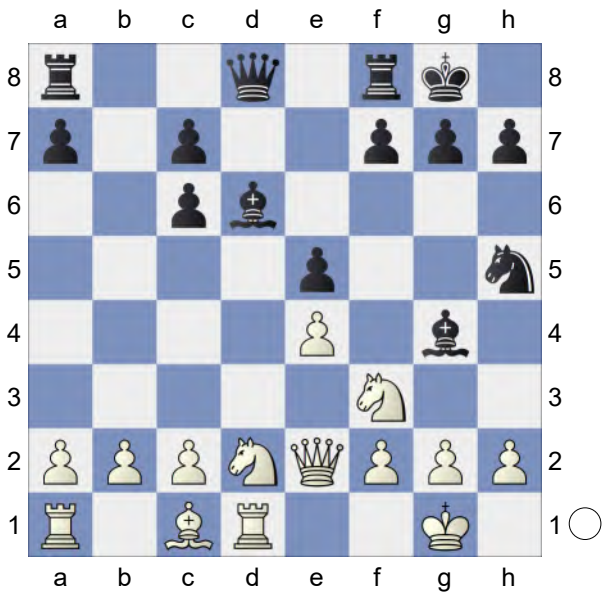


6.Bxc6+ 0.66/16
[6.Qd5!± 1.03/20 Qxd5 7.exd5 Pin Bxf3 8.gxf3]
6...bxc6± 7.Qe2 Nf6 0.97/18
[7...Bd6± 0.40/17]

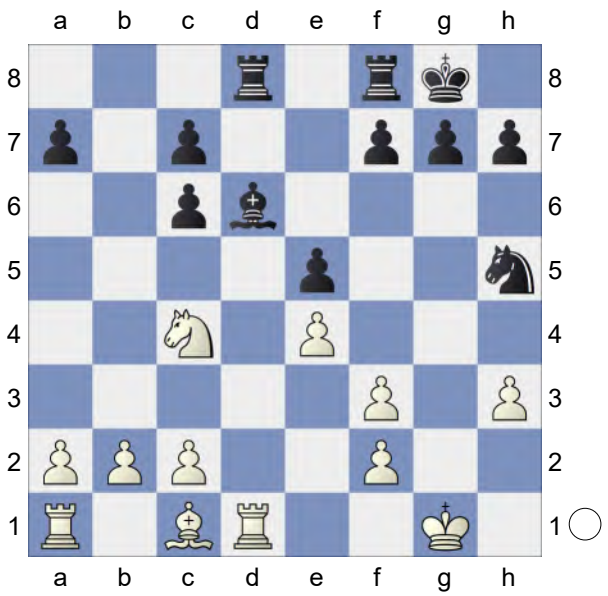


8.0-0 0.57/18
[8.h3!± 0.97/18 Bh5 9.g4]
8...Bd6 9.Rd1 0-0 10.Nbd2 Nh5

(Diagram)



11.Nc4 Qf6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qxf3 14.gxf3 Rad8 1.37/21
[14...f5 0.85/19]



15.Be3!± a6 1.68/22
[15...f5± 1.27/19]

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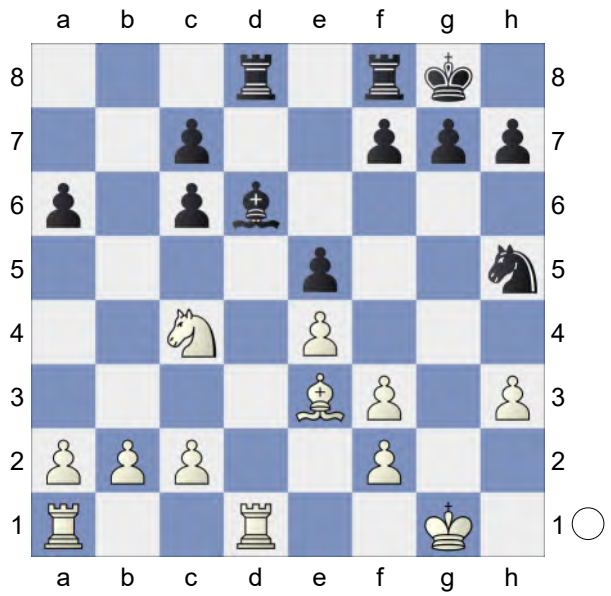
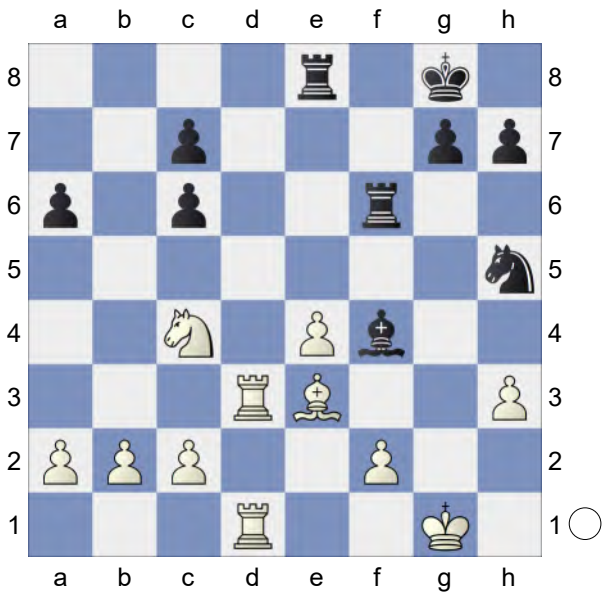
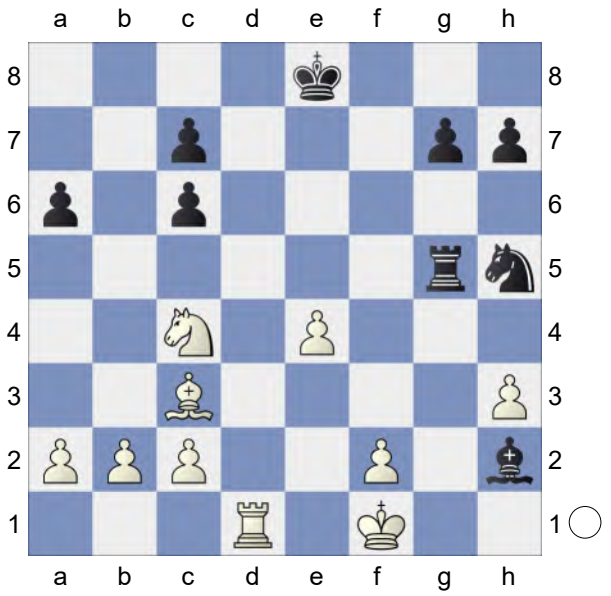


16.Rd3+- f5 17.Rad1 White is more active. **17...Rf6** 2.26/20
[17...fxe4± 1.34/20 18.fxe4 Nf4]
18.Nxe5 1.33/22
[White should try 18.exf5+- 2.26/20 Strongly threatening Bg5. Nf4 19.Ra3 *(19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Ra3* Pin *Ra8+-)* 19...Rxf5 20.Rxa6]
18...Re8 1.89/22
[18...fxe4± 1.33/22 was called for. 19.fxe4 Rdf8]
19.Nc4
[19.Nxc6?! fxe4 20.fxe4 Rxe4±]
19...fxe4 20.fxe4 Bf4

(Diagram)

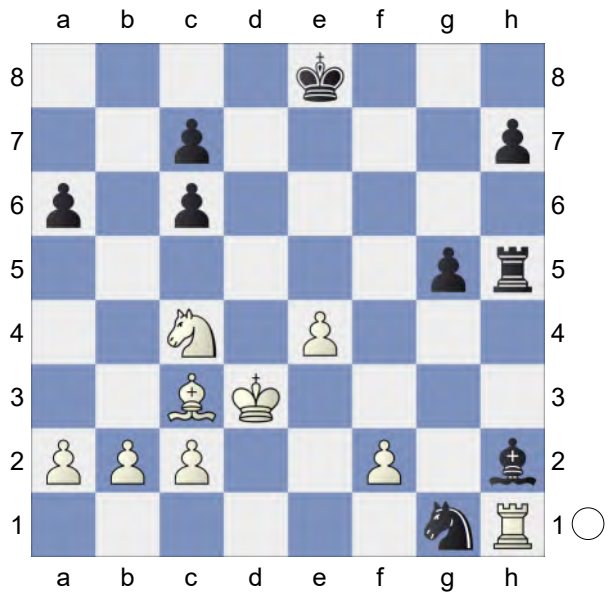


21.Rd8 Kf7 22.Rxe8 Kxe8 23.Bd4 Rg6+ 24.Kf1 Rg5 25.Bc3 Bh2

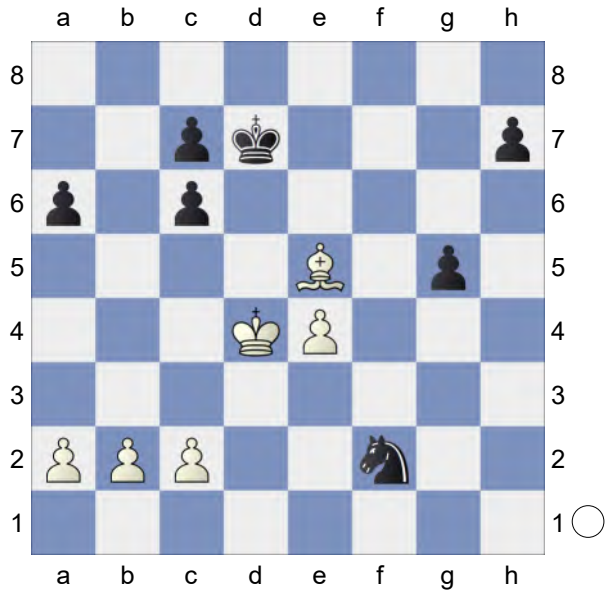


26.Ke2 Nf4+ 27.Kf3 0.64/19
[27.Ke3± 1.12/21]
27...Nxh3± 28.Rh1 -0.22/22
[28.Na5± 0.75/19]
28...Ng1+= 29.Ke3 Rh5 30.Kd3! g5 0.28/23
[⌓30...Rh3+! -0.22/22 31.Ne3 g6]

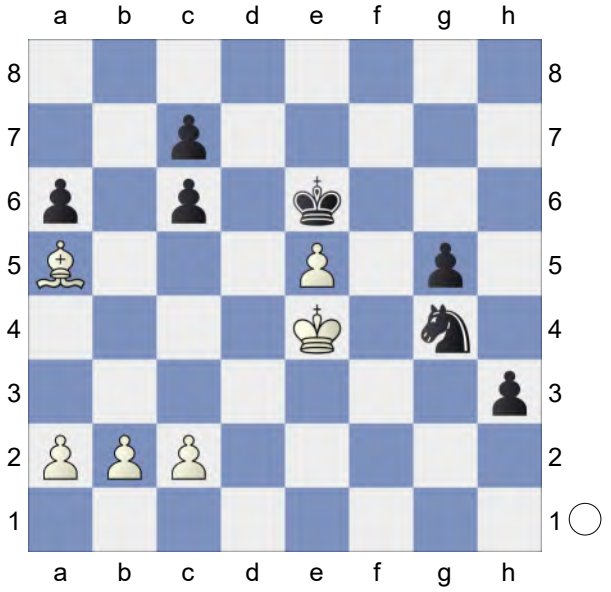
(Diagram)



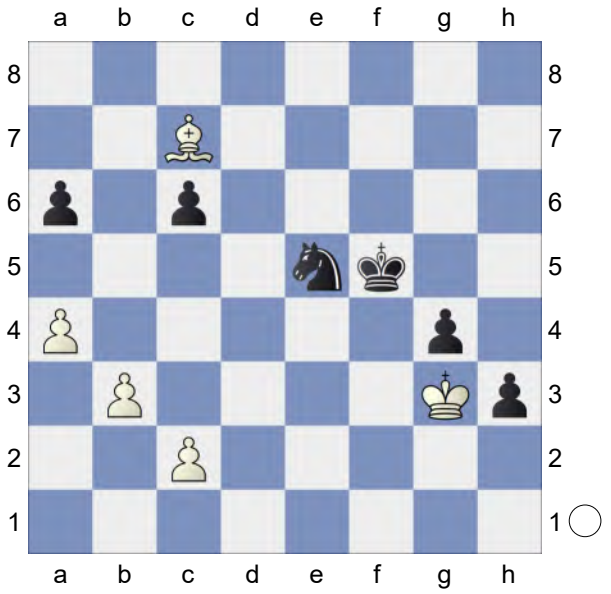
31.Ne5 -0.28/19
[⌓31.Bd2 0.28/23 Rh3+ 32.Be3]
31...Rh3+ 32.Kc4 Bxe5 33.Rxh3 -2.15/17
[33.Rxg1= -0.28/23 and White stays safe. Bxc3 34.bxc3]
33...Nxh3-+ 34.Bxe5 Nxf2∓ Endgame KB-KN. Black is a pawn up. **35.Kd4** -4.07/22
[⌓35.Bxc7 -2.56/21 Nxe4 *(35...Kd7 36.Bb8∓)* 36.Kd4]
35...Kd7-+



36.Bg3 Ng4
[Worse is 36...c5+ 37.Ke5 Ng4+ 38.Kf5 Ne3+ 39.Kxg5∓]
37.e5 -7.42/21
[⌓37.Kd3 -4.00/22 h5 38.Ke2]
37...h5 38.Ke4 h4 39.Be1 Ke6 40.Ba5 h3



41.Kf3 Nxe5+ 42.Kg3 g4 43.Bxc7 Kd5 44.b3 Ke4 45.a4 Kf5



46.Bd6 Nf3 47.Bc5 Ng5 48.Be3 Ne4+ 49.Kh2 Kg6 Hoping for ...Kh5. **50.c4 Kh5**

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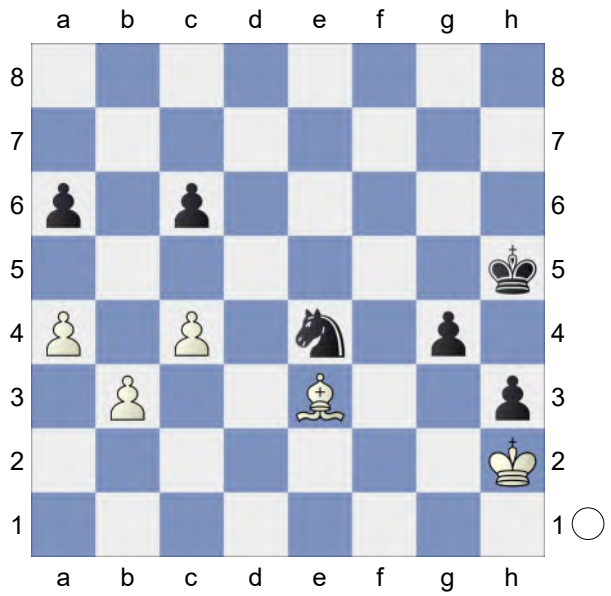
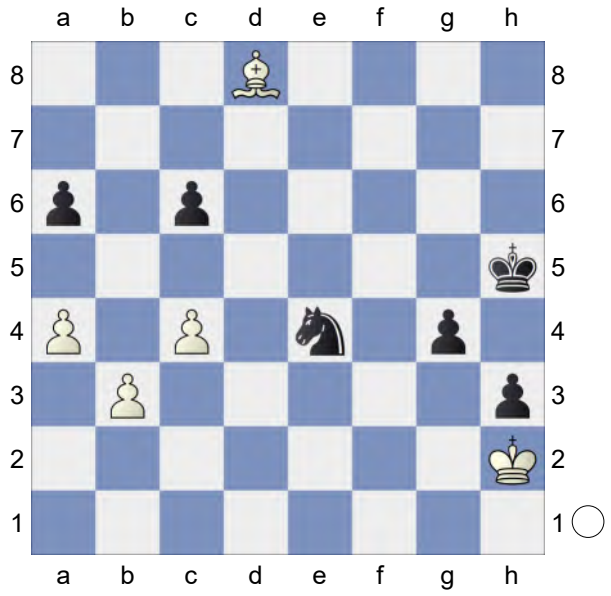
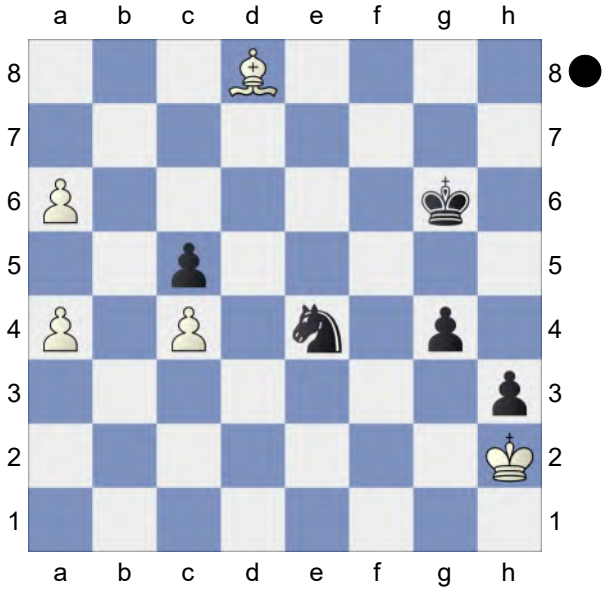


51.Bb6 Kg5 52.Bc7 Kh4 53.Bd8+ Ng5? -2.11/20
[53...Kh5 -8.16/24 54.b4 Nd2]
54.Bc7? -#7/18
[54.b4-+ -2.11/20 g3+ 55.Kh1 g2+ 56.Kh2]
54...Ne4 -7.89/23
[⌓54...Nf3+ -#7/18 55.Kh1 g3 56.Bxg3+ Kxg3 57.b4 h2 58.a5 Ng5 59.c5 Ne4 60.b5 Nf2#]
55.Bd8+ Kh5



56.b4 Kg6? 0.00/29
[Better is 56...Nd2-+ -7.86/23 57.Bc7 Nxc4]
57.b5= c5? 7.12/20
[57...cxb5= 0.00/29 58.axb5 Nc5]
A wild game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.93
58.bxa6



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37 **A40**
□ **KQRBNPkqrbnp** **2936**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2790**
Blitz 19.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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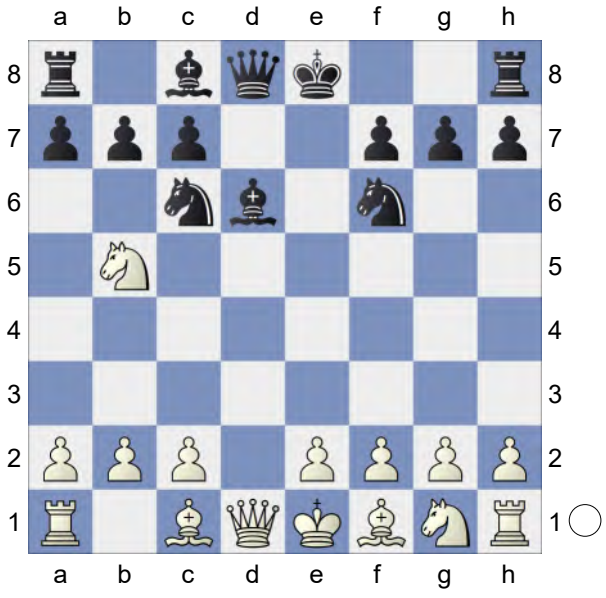
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6**
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 1-0 (44)

Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

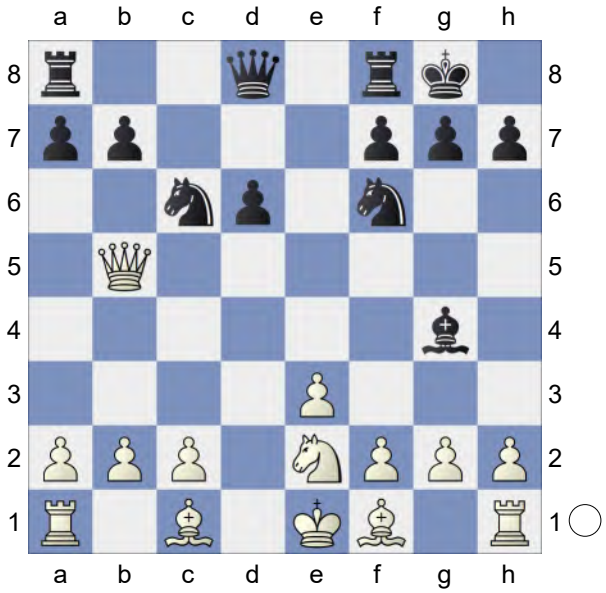
3...Bxd6 4.Nc3N

[4.Nf3 Nc6 *(4...Qe7 5.g3 Bg4 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.c3 0-0-0 8.Qa4 Nf6 9.0-0 h5 10.Bg5 h4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qxg4+ Kb8 13.Nbd2 hxg3 14.hxg3 Qh6 15.Rfd1 Bc5 16.Ne4 Bb6 17.Qg5 Qh7 18.Nc5 f6 19.Qe3* 1-0 (32) Lets Go Argentina (2580)-Is Er Nog Hoop (2585) Blitz 2024*; 4...Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1* ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986*)* 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]

4...Nc6 5.Nb5 Nf6



6.Nxd6+ cxd6 7.e3 Ne4 8.Ne2 White is clearly better. **8...Bg4 9.Qd5 Nf6 10.Qb5 0-0**



11.Nf4 a5 12.Bd3

[12.Qxb7?! Nb4 13.Bd3 g5=]

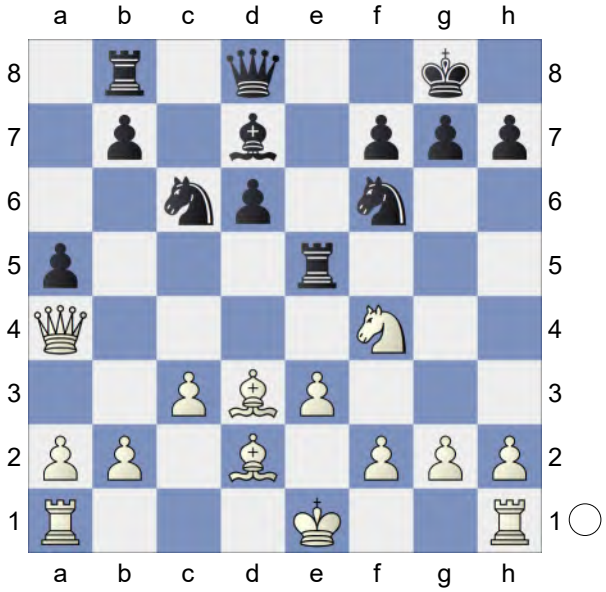
12...Re8 13.Bd2 Wards off Nb4

[13.Qxb7 Nd4 14.Nd5 Be2∓]

13...Re5 14.Qa4

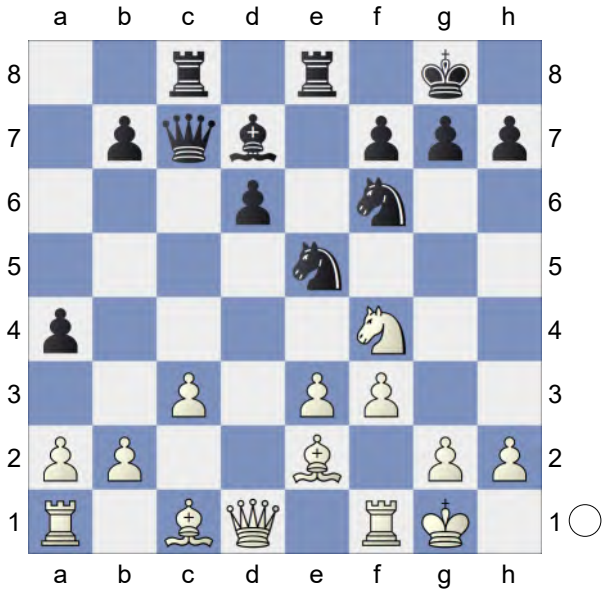
[14.Qxb7?! Nd4 15.Bc3 Re7±]

14...Rb8 15.c3 Bd7

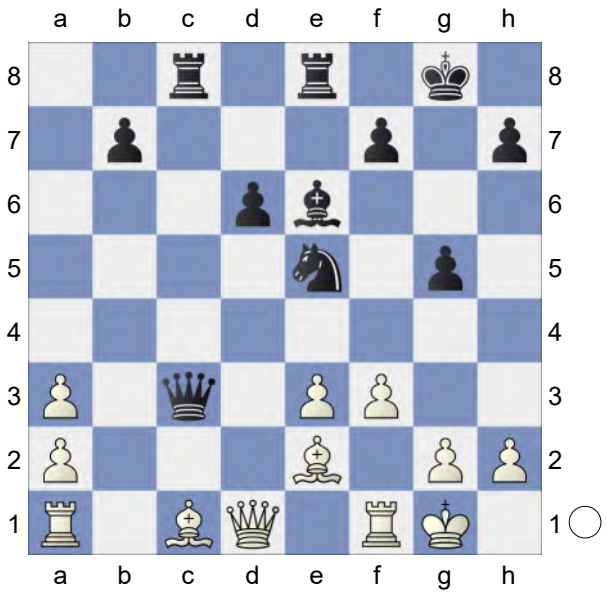


16.Qd1 White is more active. **16...Re8 17.0-0 Ne5 18.Bc1 a4 19.Be2 Rc8 20.f3** 1.08/20

[⌓20.Qxd6 1.45/21 Qa5 21.Qa3]
20...Qc7±



21.Qd4 g5 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.Qxd5 a3 24.bxa3 Be6 25.Qd1 Qxc3



26.Rb1 Bc4 27.Bxc4! Qxc4 28.Rb3
[28.Rxb7 Nd3 29.Bb2 Rxe3=]
28...Qc2 29.e4
[29.Rxb7 Nd3 30.Bd2 Qxa2±]
29...h6 30.Qxd6 Re6

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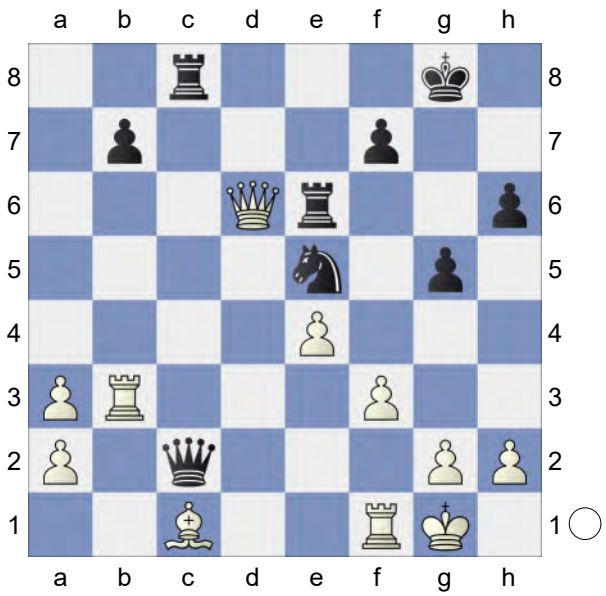
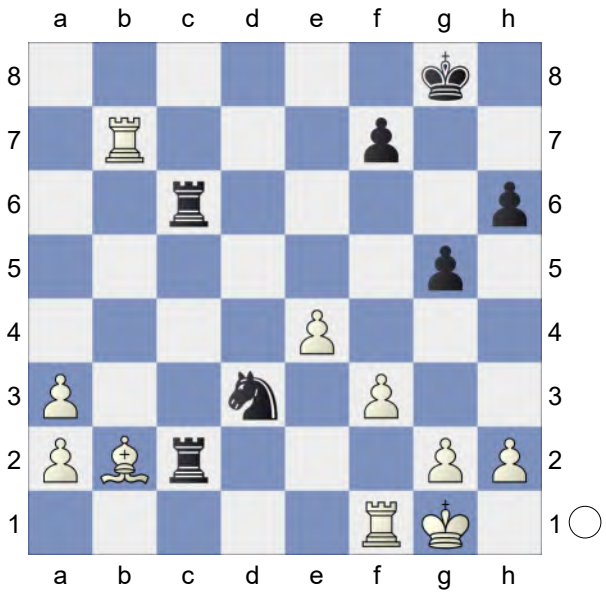
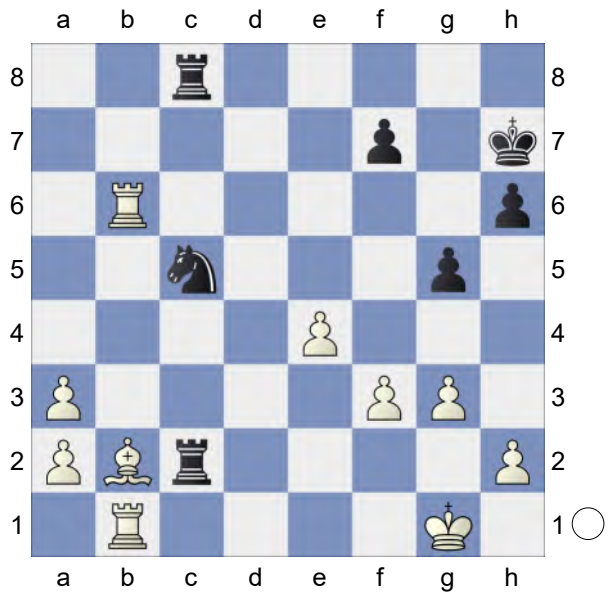


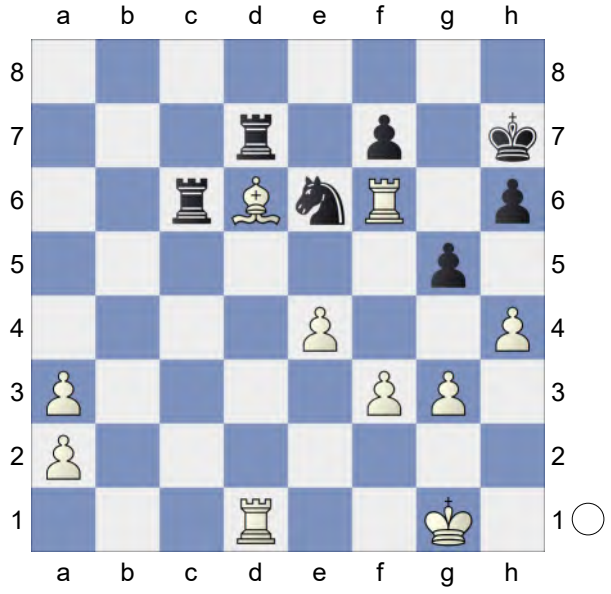
31.Qd5 Qe2 32.Qb5
[32.Qxb7? Rc2-+]
32...Qxb5 33.Rxb5 Rc2 34.Rxb7 Rec6 35.Bb2 Nd3



36.Bd4 Rc8! White now steadily converts the win. **37.g3** 1.35/23 Inhibits Nf4.
[37.Rb6± 0.46/20 Nf4 38.Kh1 *(38.Rxh6? Ne2+ 39.Kh1 Nxd4-+; 38.Bf2 Ng6±)*]
37...Nc1 and ...Ne2+ would now be decisive **38.Bb2 Nd3** Prevents Rf2
39.Rb1 Nc5 40.Rb6 Kh7

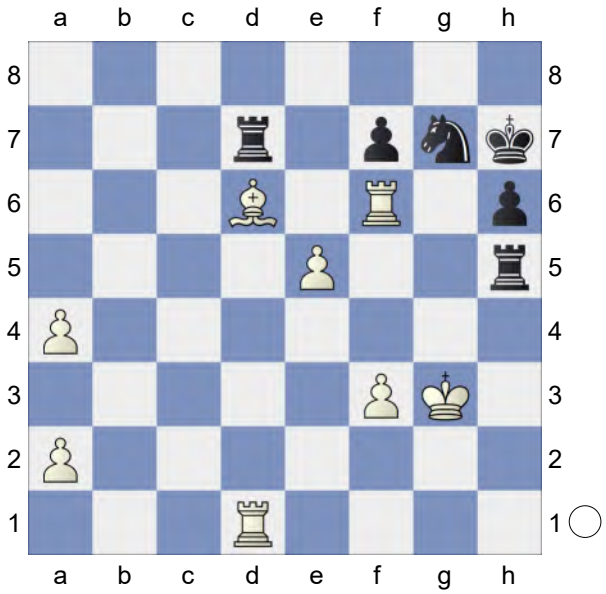


41.Rf6 Rc7 42.Be5 Re7 43.Bd6 Rd7 44.Rd1 Ne6 45.h4 Rc6 1.59/23
[Black should try 45...gxh4 1.21/22 46.gxh4 Rxa2]

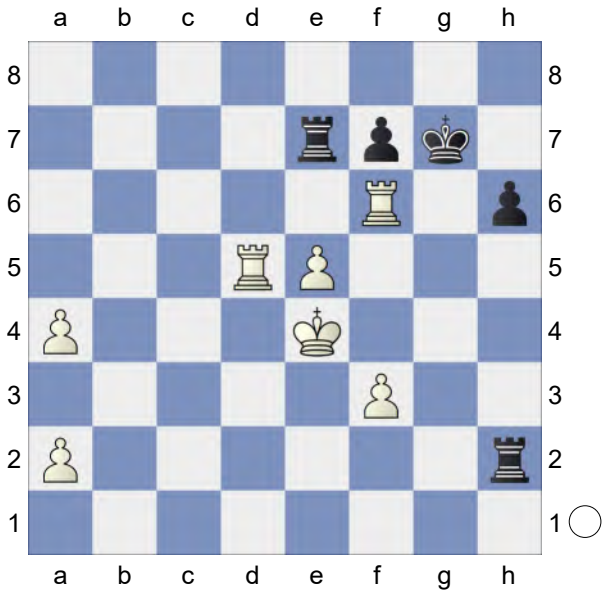


46.e5 gxh4 47.gxh4 Rc4 1.75/20
[47...Rc2± 1.32/20 48.Kf1 Rh2]
48.Kf2 1.34/19
[48.Kh2+- 1.75/20]
48...Rxh4 1.99/19
[48...Ng7± 1.34/19 49.Rd2 Ra7]
49.Kg3 1.50/18
[49.Rc1+- 1.99/19]

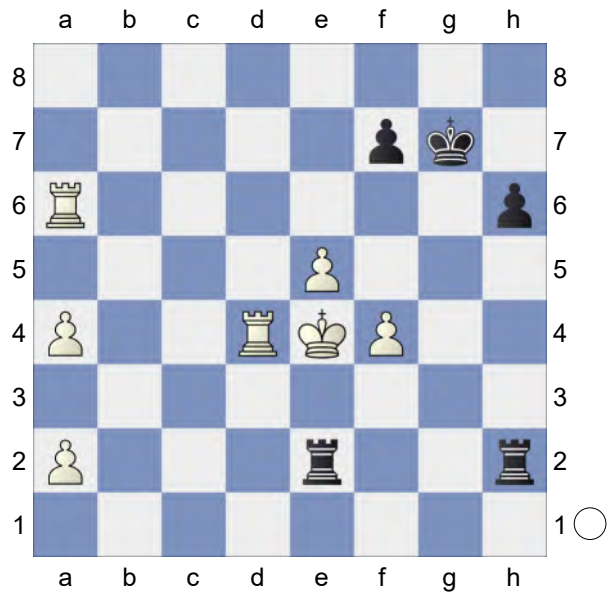
49...Rh5 50.a4! Ng7



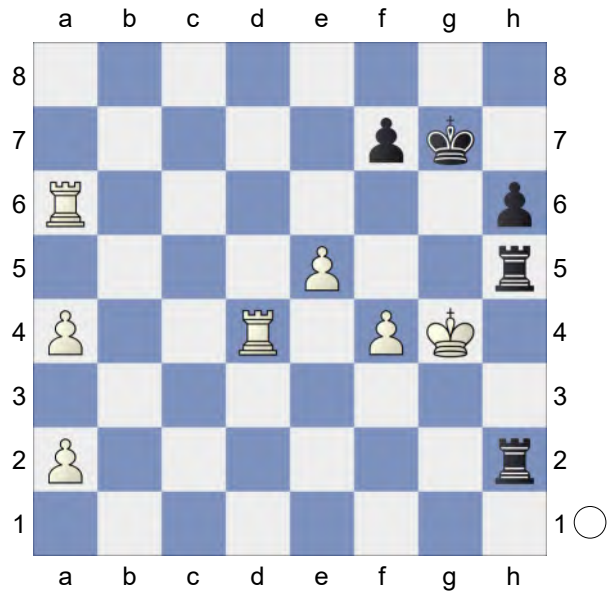
51.Rd2! Nf5+ 2.17/18
[51...Ne8± 1.37/16]
52.Kf4+- Nxd6 53.Rdxd6 Endgame KRR-KRR. White is two pawns up.
[Don't play 53.exd6?! Rh4+ 54.Ke3 Rxa4=]
53...Re7 54.Rd5 Kg7 2.37/19
[54...Rh4+ 1.80/19 might work better. 55.Kf5 Rxa4]
55.Ke4 Rh2



56.Ra6 Prevents Ra7 **56...Rc7 57.Rd4** Prevents Rc4 **57...Rcc2 58.f4 Rce2+**



59.Kf5! Hoping for Rd7. **59...Rh5+ 60.Kg4 Reh2**



61.Ra7 R5h4+ 62.Kf3 White is clearly winning.

[62.Kf5 Rh5+ 63.Ke4 Rxa2+-]

62...Rh1 63.Ke4 Re1+ 64.Kf5 Rh5+ 65.Kg4 Rh2

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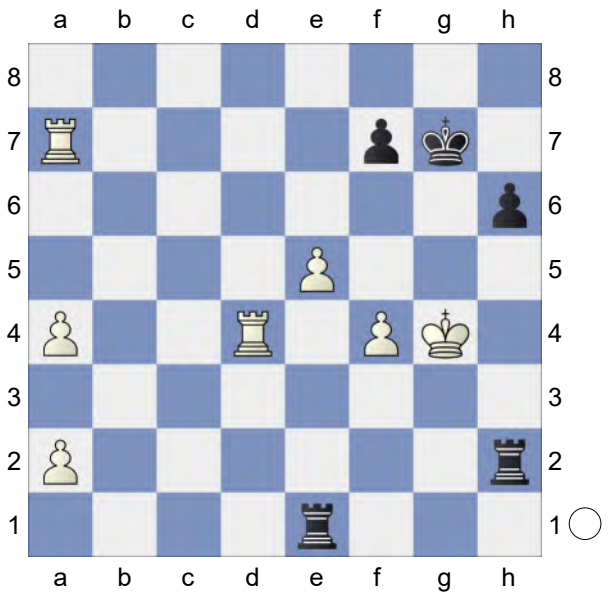
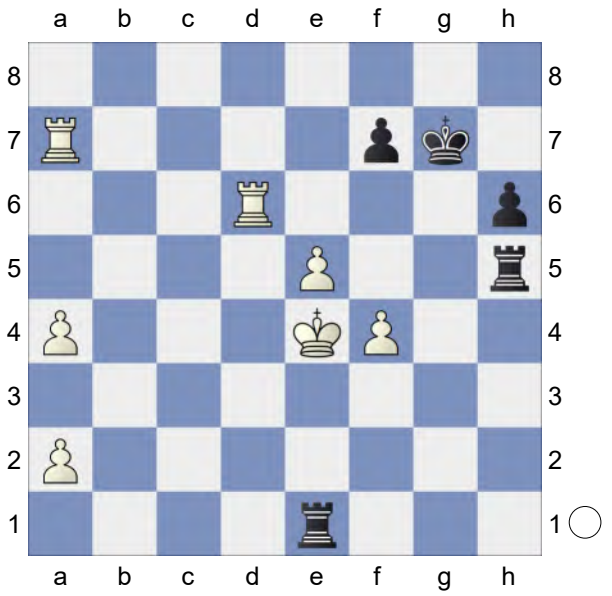


66.Rd6 Rg1+ 67.Kf5 Rh5+ 68.Ke4 Re1+



69.Kf3! Rh4 70.Rf6 h5

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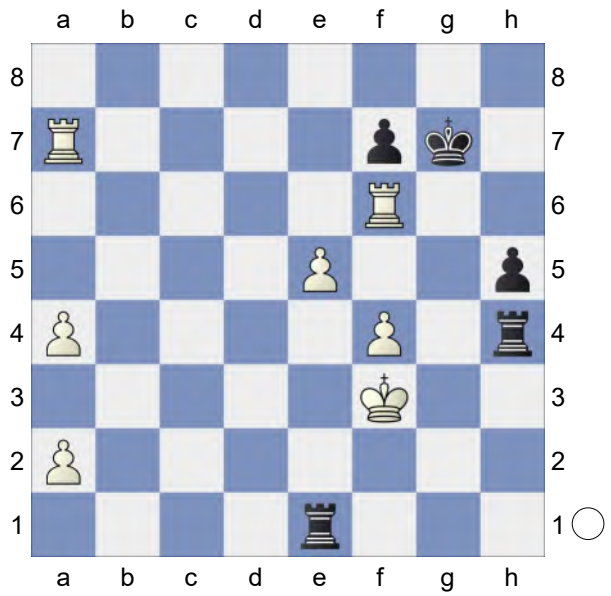
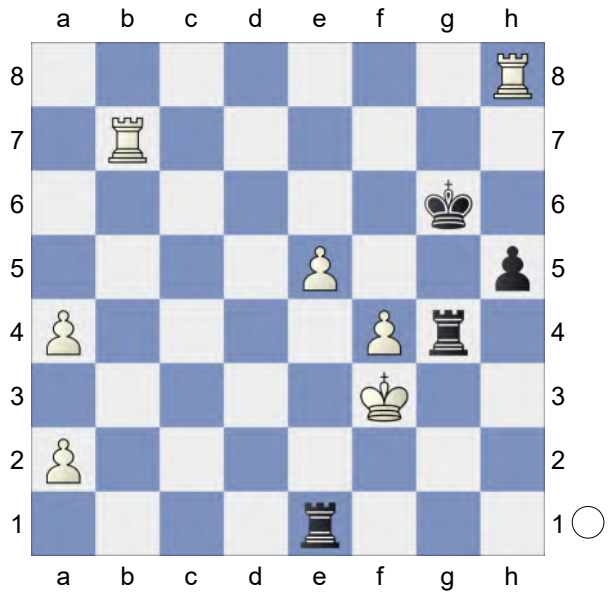


71.Raxf7+ Kh8 72.Rf8+ Kg7 73.R6f7+ Kh6 74.Rb7 Rg4 75.Rh8+ Kg6



76.Rb6+ Kg7 77.Rxh5 Rg6 78.Rxg6+ Kxg6 79.Rg5+ Kf7 80.a5 Rc1

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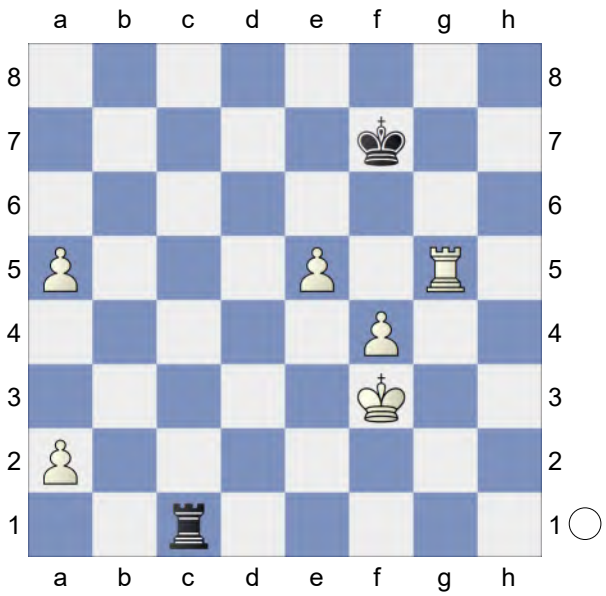
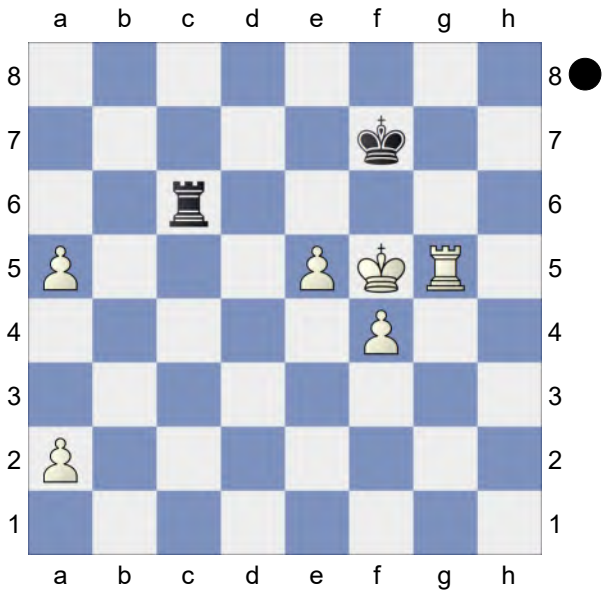


81.Ke4 Rc6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

82.Kf5



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38 **A40**
□ **yobot_v2** **2926**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2795**
Blitz 09.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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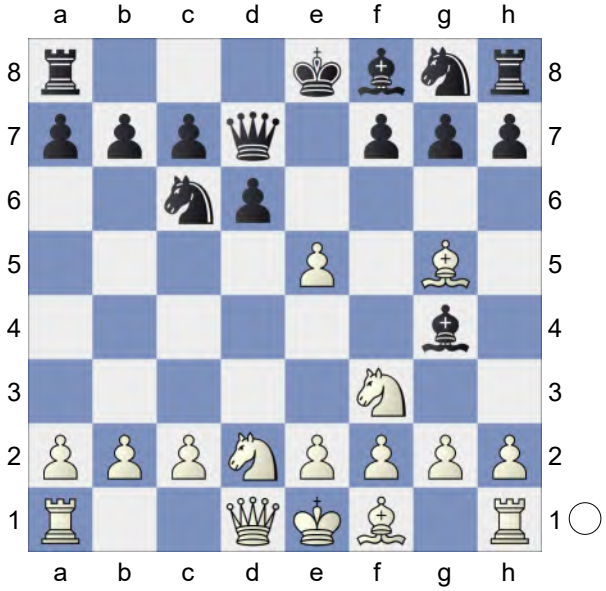
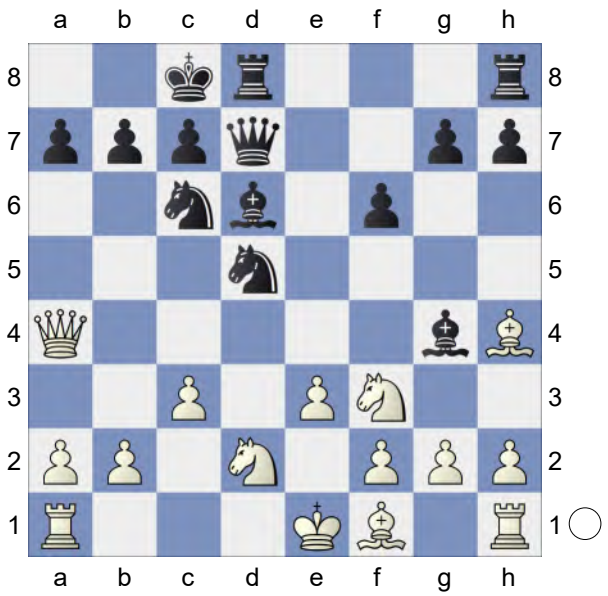
From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4.Bg5
[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch, A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]
4...Qd7 5.Nbd2N
[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 19.Qd5 Qxd5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit, G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 34.Bd1 Nb2 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]
5...Nc6 1.66/20
[5...Bxf3± 1.21/17 6.exf3 *(6.Nxf3 dxe5 7.e4 Bd6±)* 6...dxe5]

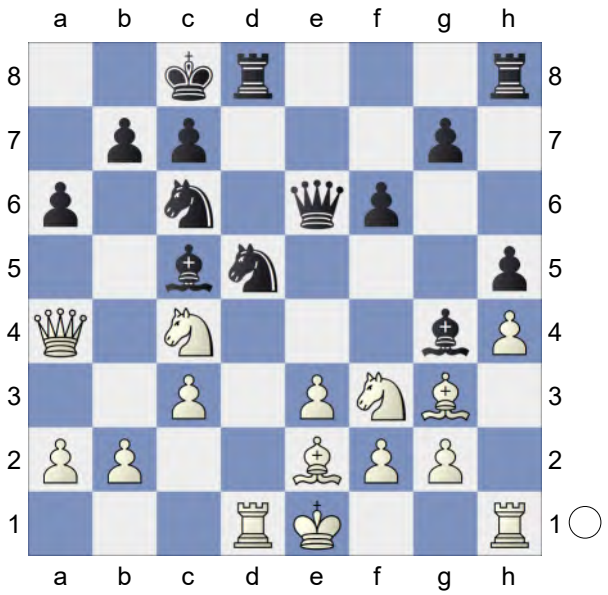


6.exd6+- Bxd6 7.e3 0.87/21
[7.Nc4+- 1.74/19]
7...f6 8.Bh4 White is better. **8...0-0-0 9.c3 Nge7 10.Qa4 Nd5**

(Diagram)



11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Bg3 h5 13.h4! Qe8 14.Be2 a6 15.Rd1 Qe6



16.Rd2 Kb8 17.Qb3 g6 18.Qc2 Bf5 19.Qb3 Bg4 1.35/18

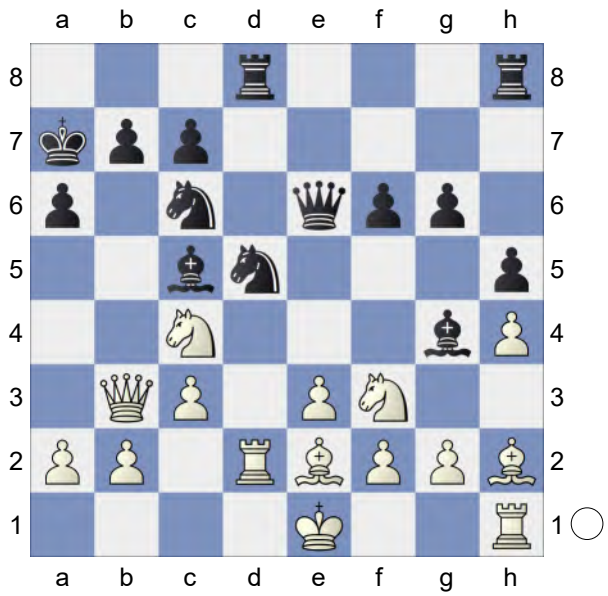
[⌓19...Rhg8 0.97/18]

20.Bh2 0.91/16

[White should play 20.0-0 1.35/18]

20...Ka7±

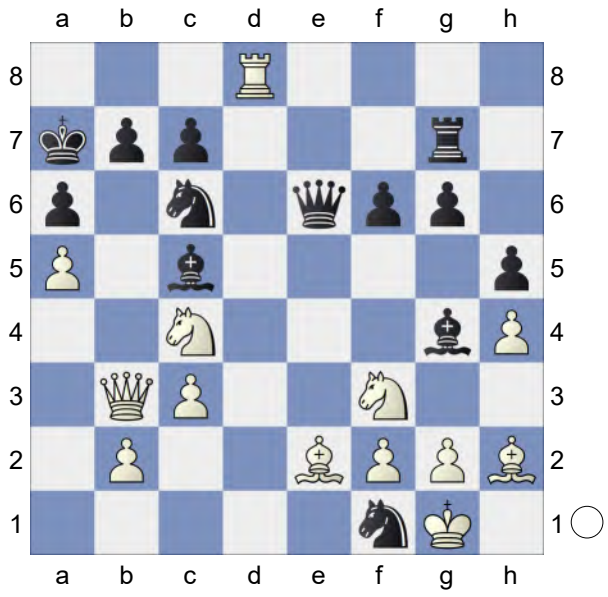
(Diagram)



21.a4 Rhg8 22.a5 Rg7 23.0-0 Nxe3 1.20/22

[⌓23...g5 0.79/18]

24.Rxd8 Nxf1



25.Bd6! Dancing on a razor blade.

25...Bxf2+

[25...Bxd6 26.Qb6+ cxb6 27.axb6#]

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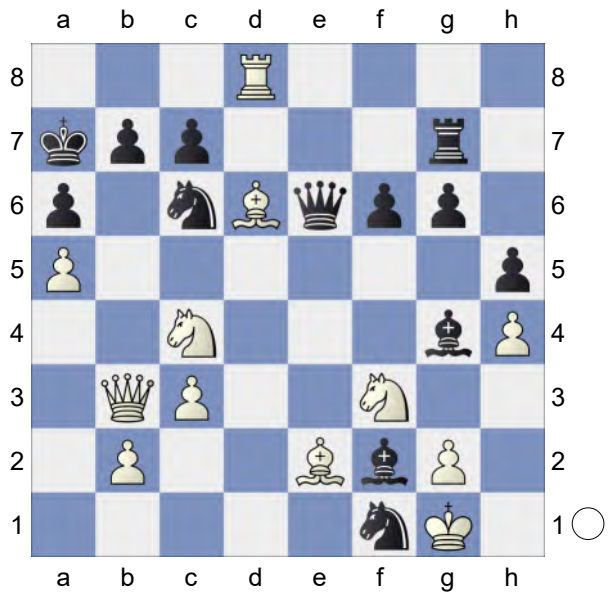
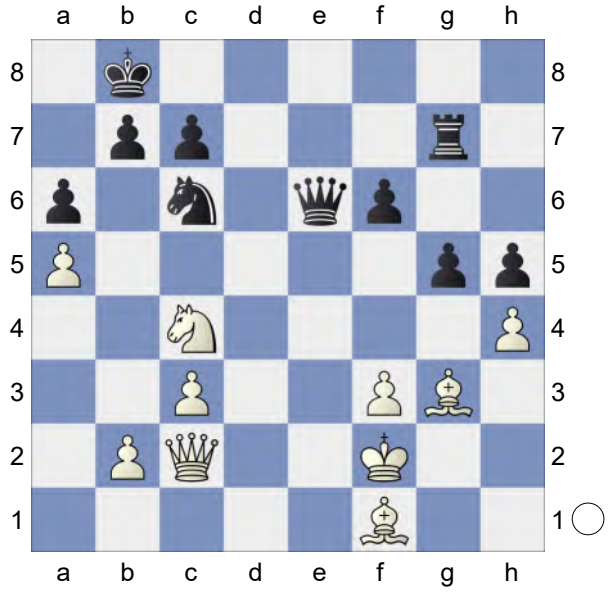


26.Kxf2 Threatening mate with Qb6+!. Trapped Piece

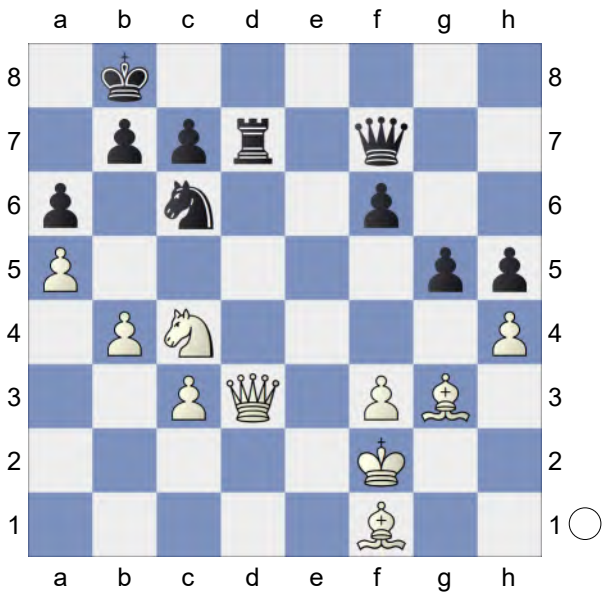
[26.Kxf1 seems wilder. Nxd8 27.Kxf2 g5 28.Bg3]

26...Nxd8 27.Bxf1 A strong pair of Bishops. **27...Bxf3 28.gxf3 g5 29.Bg3 Kb8 30.Qc2 Nc6**

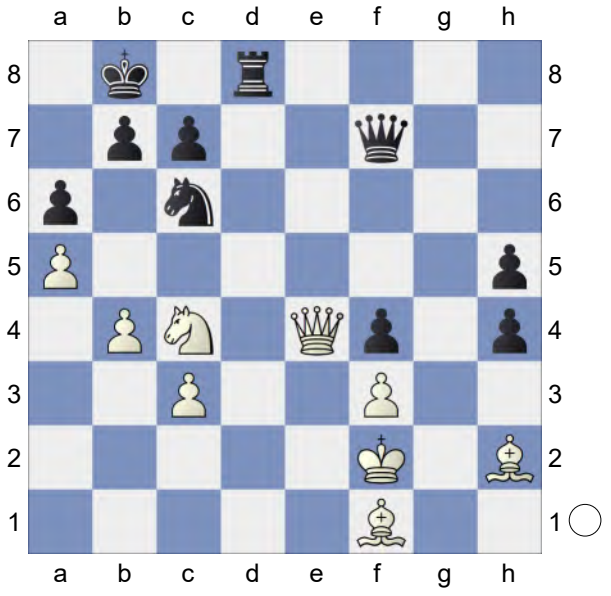


31.b4 Re7 32.Qe2 Qf7 33.Qc2 Qe6 Inhibits Qf5. **34.Qe2 Qf7 35.Qd3** aiming for hxg5. **35...Rd7**

(Diagram)



36.Qf5 Rd5 37.Qe4 f5 38.Qe2 White is more active. **38...f4 39.Bh2 gxh4 40.Qe4 Rd8**



41.Qxf4 Qh7 42.Be2 h3 43.Qg3 Qd7 44.Qg6 Re8 1.86/18

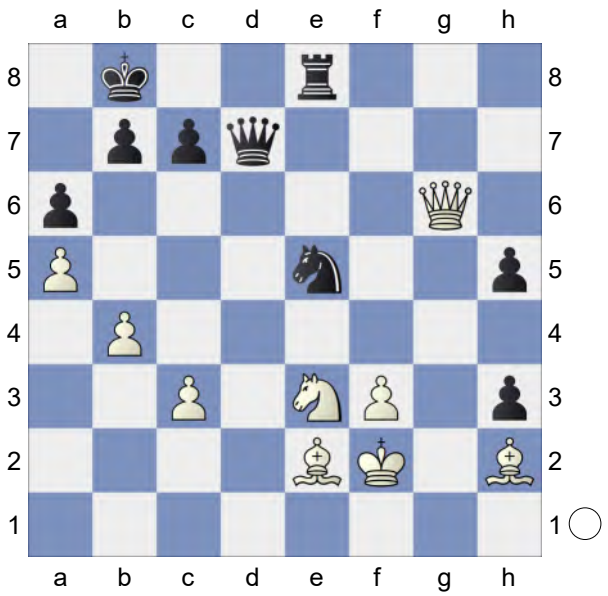
[44...h4± 1.26/17 45.Qg4 Qe7]

45.Ne3

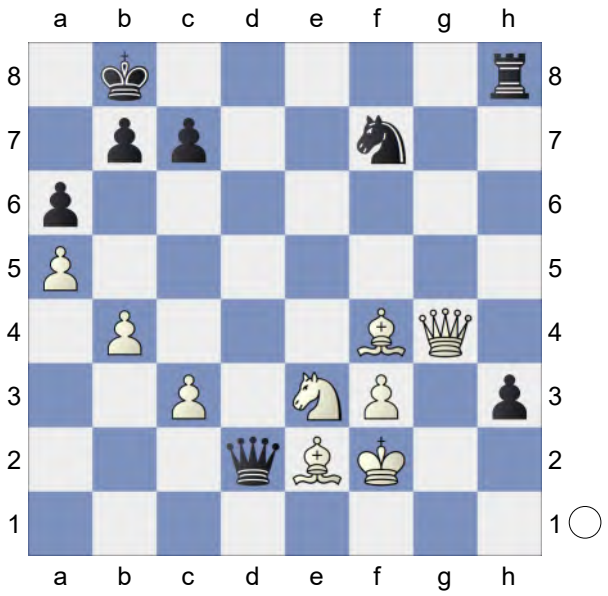
[Resist 45.Qxh5 Nxb4 46.Ne5 *(46.cxb4 Qd4+ 47.Ke1 Qa1+ 48.Kf2 Qd4+ 49.Ke1 Qa1+ 50.Kf2 Qd4+=)* 46...Qd8±]

45...Ne5

(Diagram)



46.Qxh5 Nf7 47.Bf4! Rh8 48.Qg4 Qd2



White must now prevent ...h2!. **49.Bh2! Re8 50.Qd4** Prevents Qxe3+. **50...Rd8**

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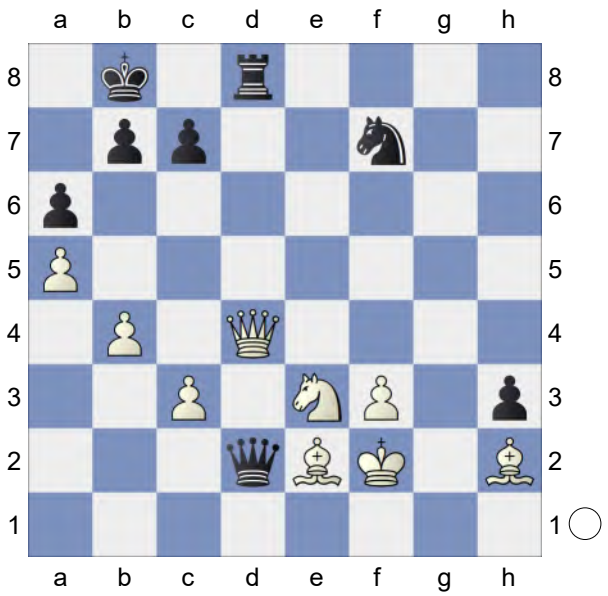
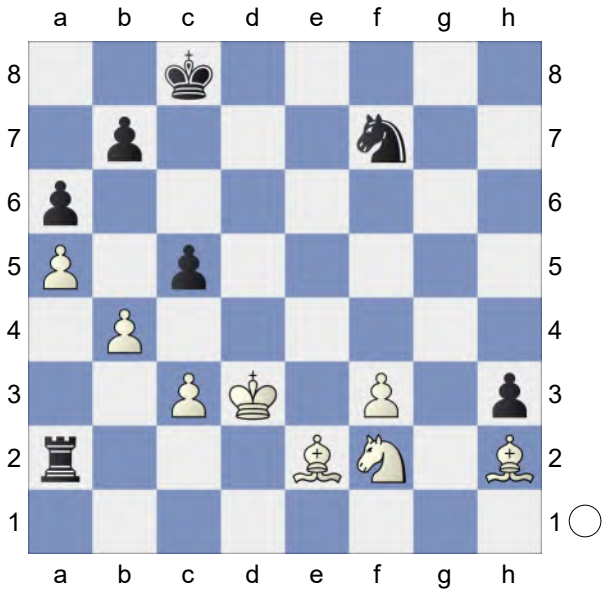


51.Qxd2 Rxd2 52.Nd1 Rc2 53.Ke3 Kc8 54.Kd3 Ra2 55.Nf2 c5 3.09/20

[⌓55...b6 1.95/19 56.axb6 *(56.Nxh3 bxa5 57.bxa5 Rxa5+-)* 56...cxb6 57.Nxh3 a5]



56.Nxh3+- cxb4 57.cxb4 Rb2 58.Nf4 Rxb4

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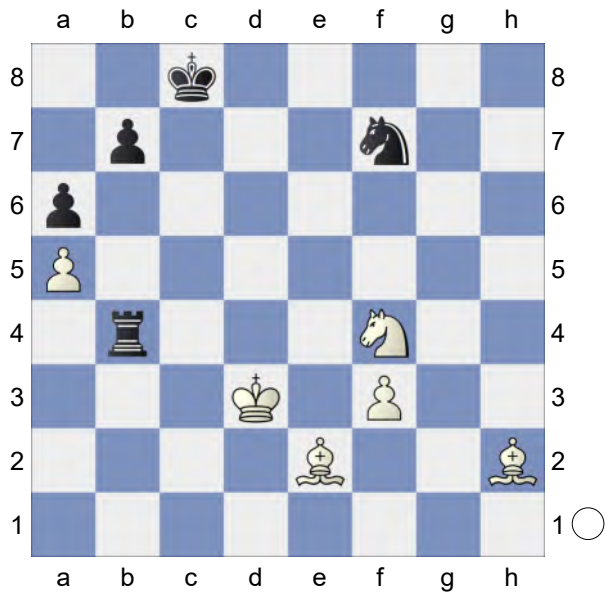
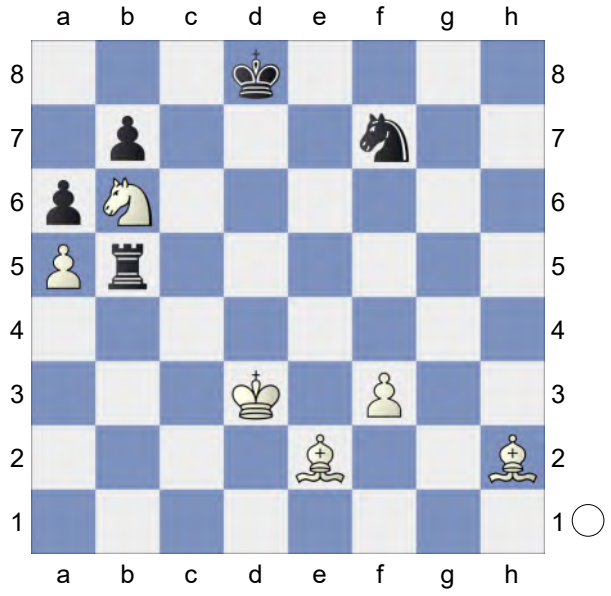


59.Nd5! Rb5 60.Nb6+ Kd8



61.Nc4 Ke7 62.Bc7 Nd8 63.f4 Nc6 64.Ke4 Rb1 65.Ne5 Re1

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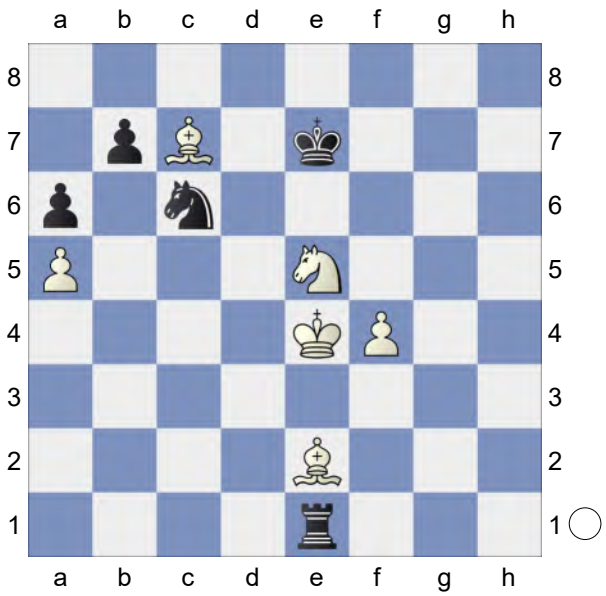
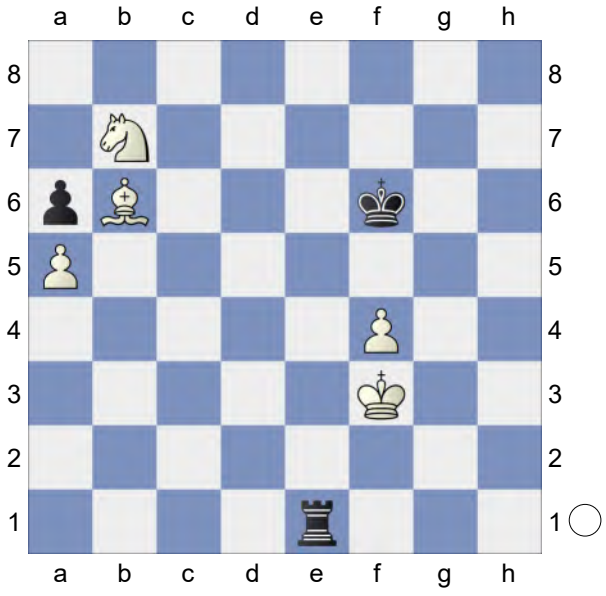


66.Nxc6+ White is clearly winning.
66...Kd7 67.Bb6 Rxe2+ 68.Kf3 Re1 69.Nd8 Ke7 70.Nxb7 Kf6



71.Nd6 Ke6 72.Ne4 Kf5 73.Ng3+ Ke6 74.Kg4 Kf6 75.Nh5+ Ke7

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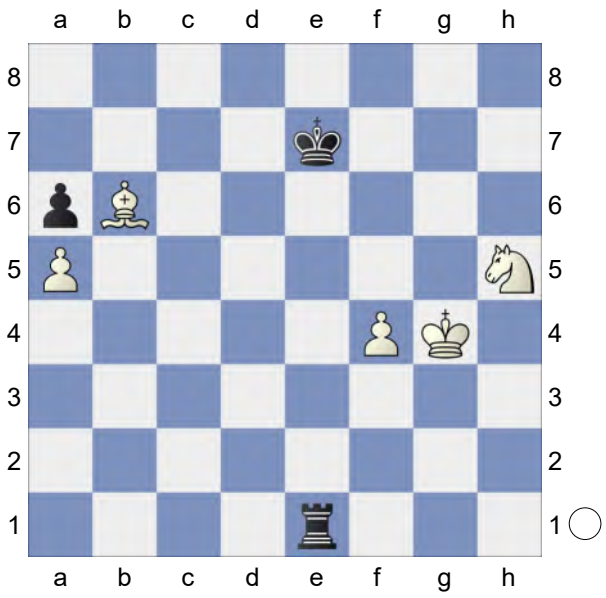
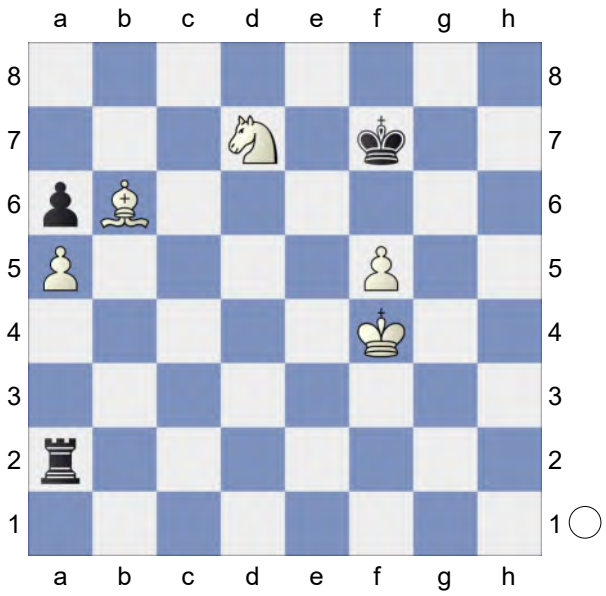


76.f5 Kf7 77.Kg5 Re8 78.Nf6 Re2 79.Nd7 Rg2+ 80.Kf4 Ra2



81.Nc5 Kf6 82.Ne4+ Kf7 83.Ke5 Re2 84.Bd4 Re1 85.f6 Ke8

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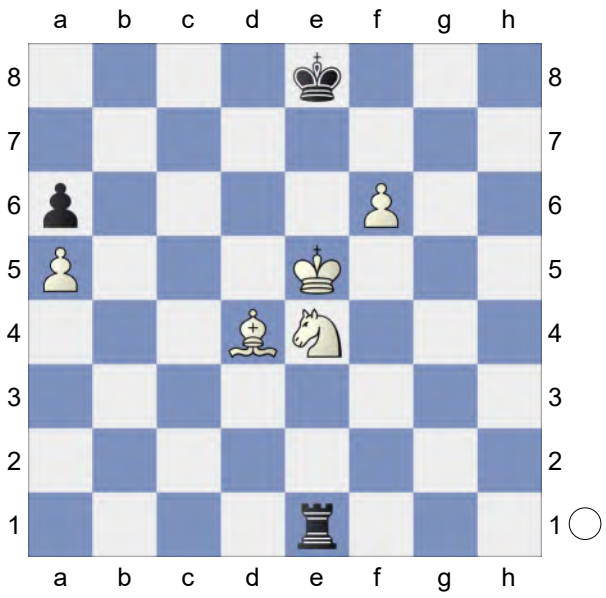

86.Kf5 Kd7 87.f7 Ke7

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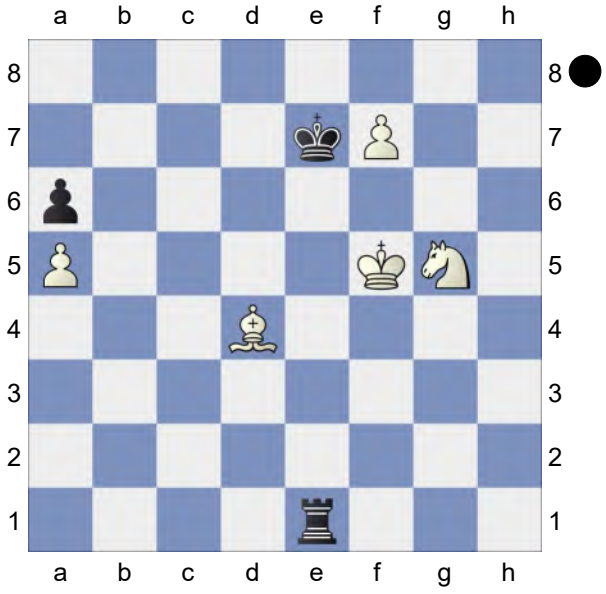
88.Ng5



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39 **A40**
□ **Hungry_Dragon** **2817**
■ **derdimcokanacan** **2805**
Blitz 25.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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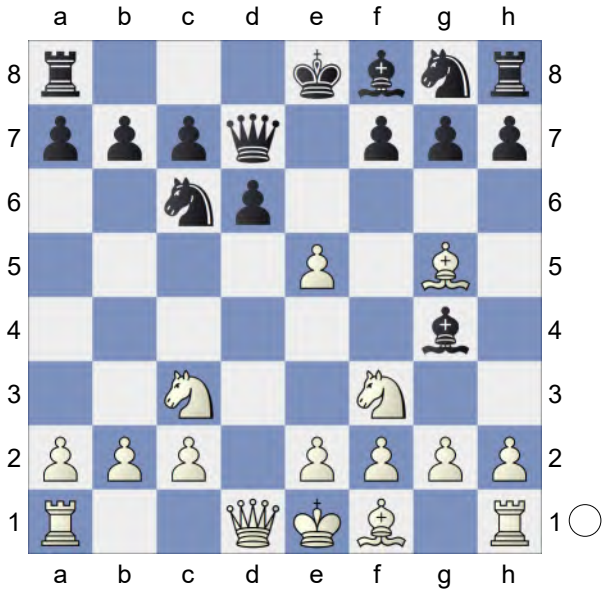
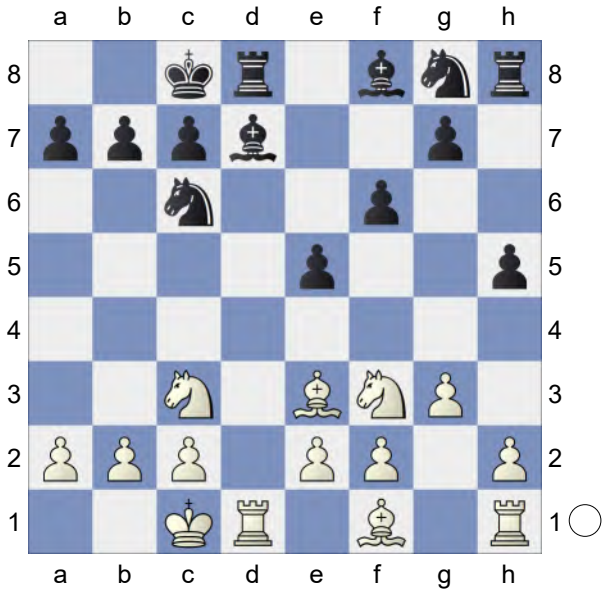
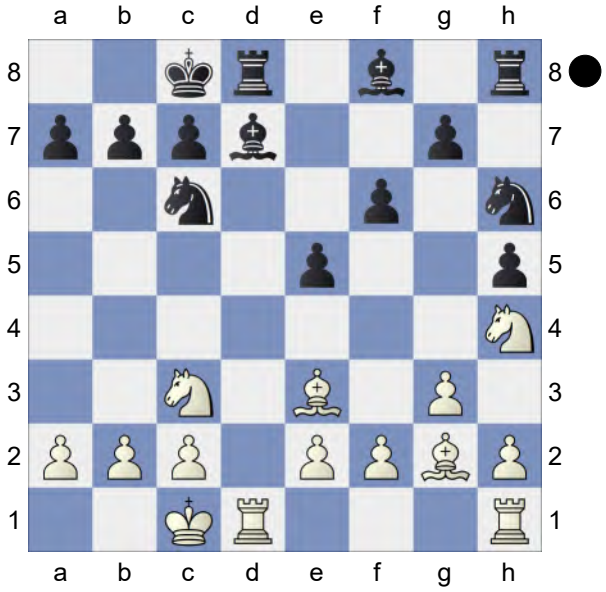
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bg5 Qd7** 2.07/19
[5...Qc8± 1.53/19]



6.Qd2N 0.16/19
[6.exd6+- 2.07/19 Bxd6 7.Ne4]
[6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 20.exf4 Ne7 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]
6...dxe5= 7.Qxd7+
[7.e4 looks sharper. f6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.0-0-0]
7...Bxd7 8.0-0-0 The position is equal.
8...f6 9.Be3 0-0-0 10.g3 h5



11.Bg2
[11.Nh4!?]
11...Nh6 12.Nh4



and Ng6 would now be decisive **12...Ng4 13.Ng6 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Rh6 15.Nxf8 Rxf8**

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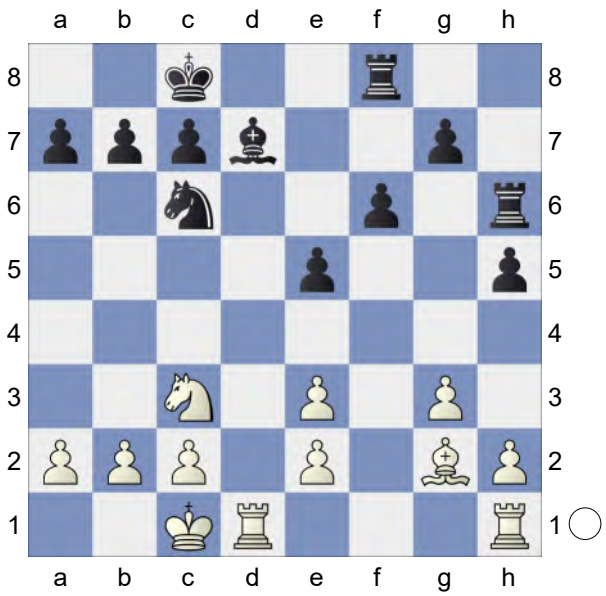

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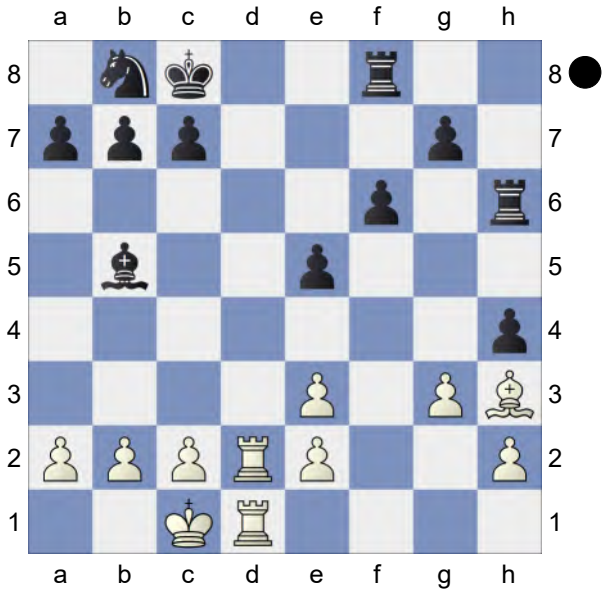

Bd7! 20.Bxd7+ Nxd7

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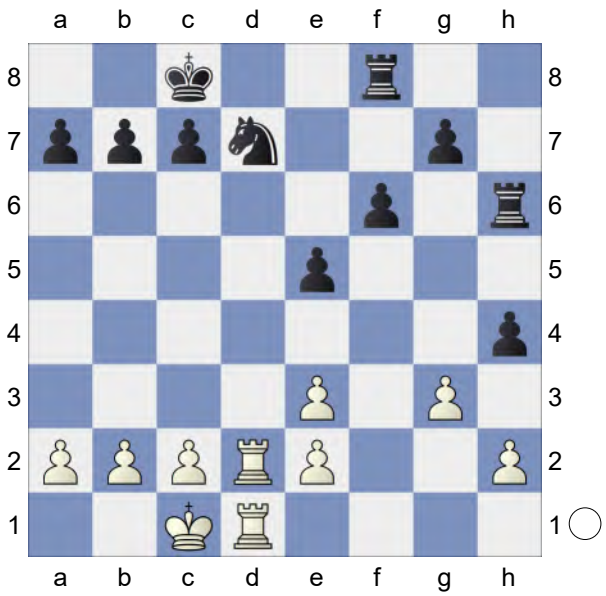

21.Rxd7 hxg3 22.hxg3∓ Endgame KRR-KRR **22...Rg6 23.Re7 Rd8** Prevents Rdd7

[23...Rxg3 24.e4∓]

24.Rh1 -1.23/24 Prevents Rxd1+.

[White should play 24.Rd3 -0.78/24]

24...Rxg3∓ 25.b3 -1.71/20

[25.c3∓ -1.17/21 was called for.]

25...c6 -0.75/25

[25...Rxe3 26.Rxg7 b6 *(26...Rxe2 27.Rhh7±)* 27.c4∓ *(27.Rhh7 Rc3∓)*]

[25...b5-+ -1.71/20 is more deadly. Hoping for ...b4!. 26.Rf7 b4 *(26...Rxe3 27.Rg1∓)*]

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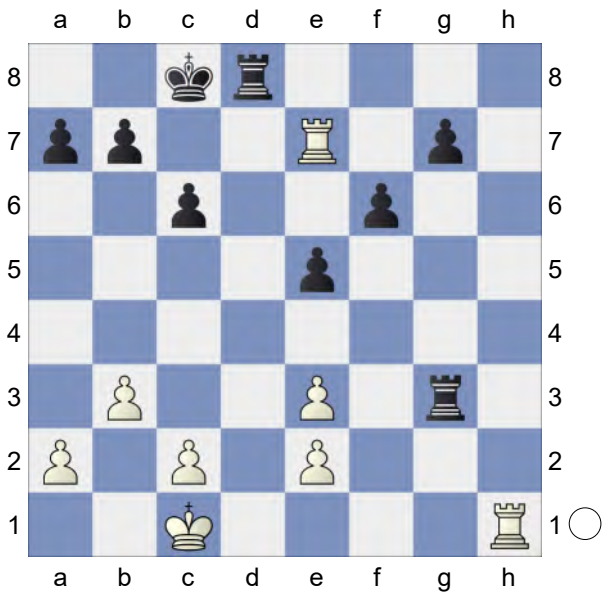

26.Rh7 -1.83/24
[26.Rd1∓ -0.75/25]
26...Rd7 -1.44/23
[26...Rxe3 27.Rhxg7 *(27.Rexg7 Rxe2 28.Rc7+ Kb8+-)* 27...Rxe2 28.Rc7+ *(28.Rxb7 Rdd2=)* 28...Kb8 29.Rxb7+ Ka8 30.Rxa7+ Kb8 31.Rgb7+ Kc8 32.Rf7+-]
[Black should try 26...Rg1+-+ -1.83/24 27.Kb2 Rd7 28.Rh8+ Kc7 29.Rxd7+ Kxd7]
This costs White the game. **27.Re8+?** -3.66/23
[27.Rh8+∓ -1.44/23 Kc7 28.Rxd7+ Kxd7 29.Rb8]
27...Kc7-+ 28.e4 Rg2 29.Rg8
Black is clearly winning. **29...a5**
[29...Rxe2 30.Rgxg7 Re1+ 31.Kb2 Rxg7 32.Rxg7+ Kb6 33.Rf7∓]
30.a4 Kb6
[Less strong is 30...Rxe2 31.Rgxg7 Rxg7 32.Rxg7+ Kb6 33.Rf7∓]

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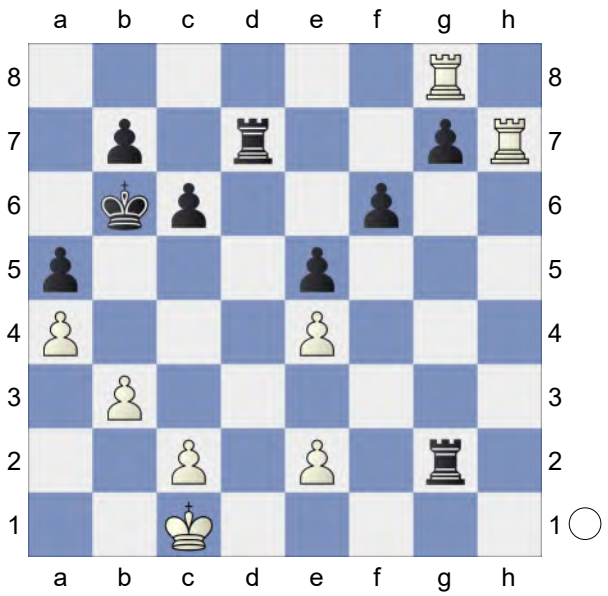

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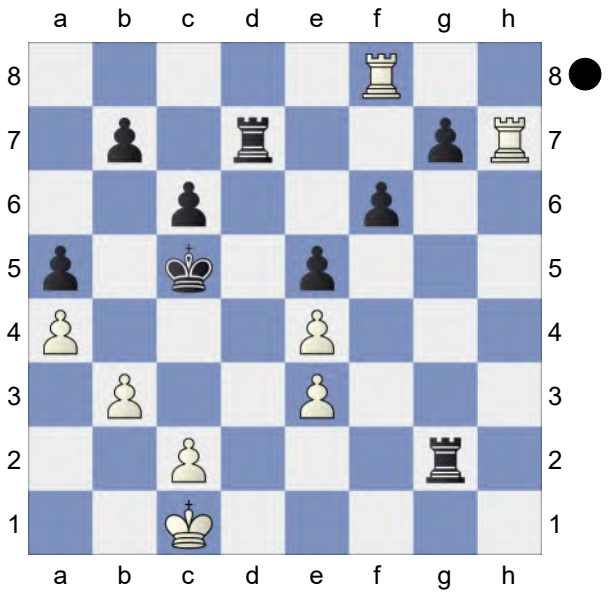
32.Rf8



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40 **A40**
□ **KQRBNPkqrbnp** **2946**
■ **Hoon_Bot** **2798**
Blitz 24.01.2024
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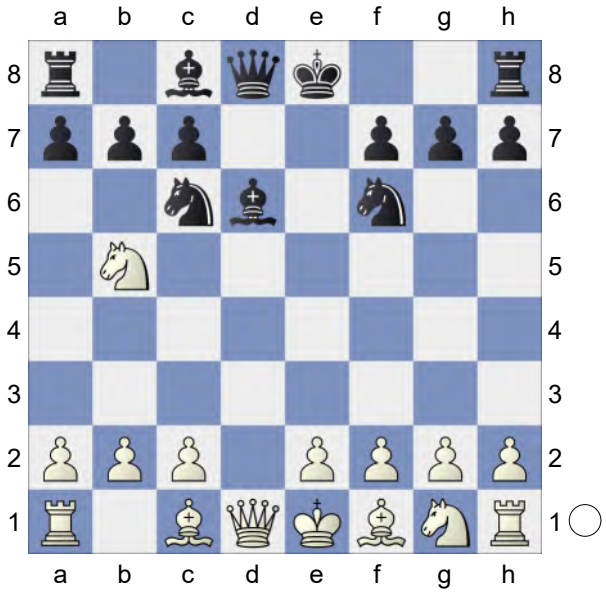
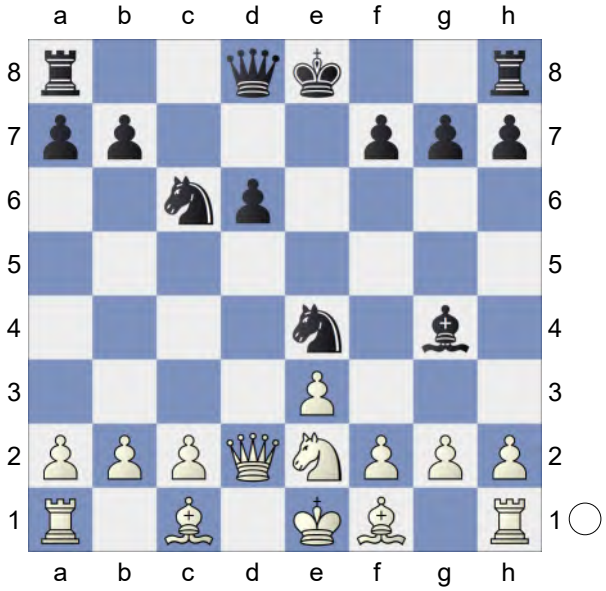
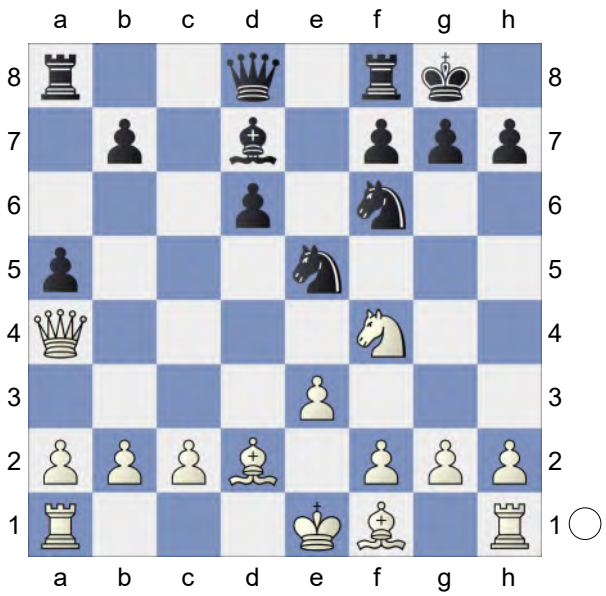
3...Bxd6 4.Nc3N
[4.Nf3 Nc6 *(4...Qe7 5.g3 Bg4 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.c3 0-0-0 8.Qa4 Nf6 9.0-0 h5 10.Bg5 h4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qxg4+ Kb8 13.Nbd2 hxg3 14.hxg3 Qh6 15.Rfd1 Bc5 16.Ne4 Bb6 17.Qg5 Qh7 18.Nc5 f6 19.Qe3* 1-0 (32) Lets Go Argentina (2580)-Is Er Nog Hoop (2585) Blitz 2024*; 4...Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1* ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986*)* 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]
4...Nc6 5.Nb5 Nf6



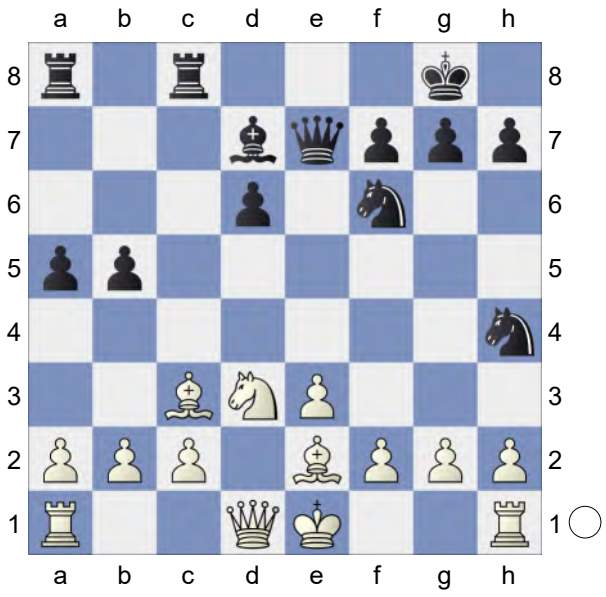
6.Nxd6+ cxd6 7.e3 Ne4 8.Ne2 White is clearly better. **8...Bg4** aiming for ...Qf6. **9.Qd5 Nf6 10.Qd2 Ne4**



11.Qd5 Nf6 12.Qb5 0-0 13.Nf4 a5 14.Bd2 Wards off Nb4
[14.Qxb7 Nb4 15.Bd3 g5±]
14...Ne5 15.Qa4
[15.Qxb7 Rb8 16.Qa7 Rxb2=]
15...Bd7



16.Qd4 Qe7 17.Be2 Rfc8 18.Bc3 b5 19.Qd1 Ng6 20.Nd3 1.08/23
[⌓20.Bf3 1.44/23]
20...Nh4



21.0-0 Bc6 22.Ne1 Ne4 23.Bd4! Nc5 24.Nf3 Ne6 25.Nxh4 Qxh4

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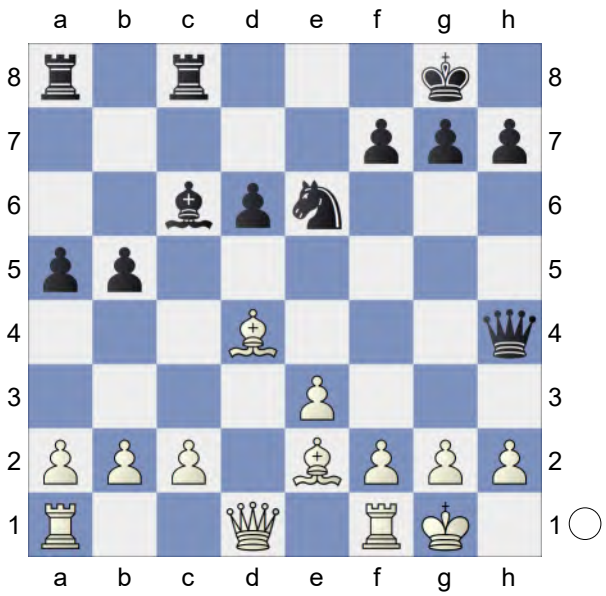
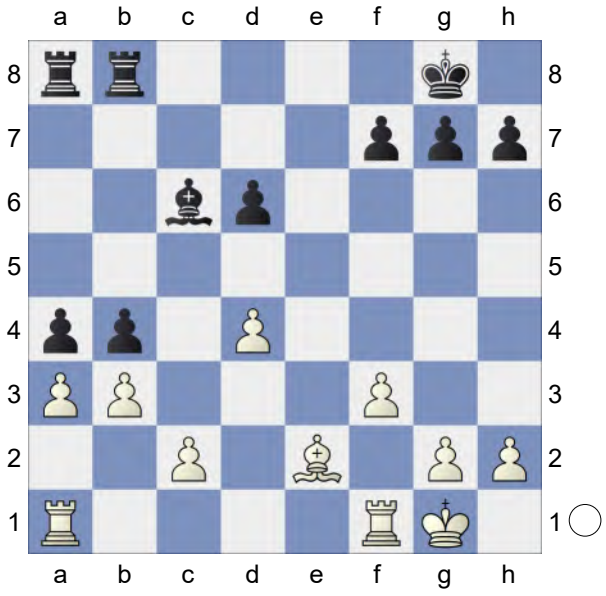


26.f3 b4 27.a3 Rcb8 28.b3 Nxd4 29.Qxd4 Qxd4 30.exd4 a4



31.axb4 Rxb4 32.bxa4 Raxa4 33.c3 Rb2 34.Kf2 Kf8 35.Ke3 Rb3

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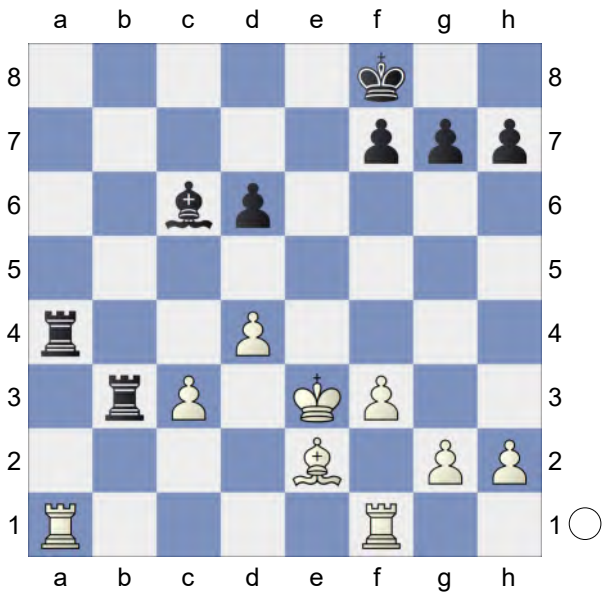
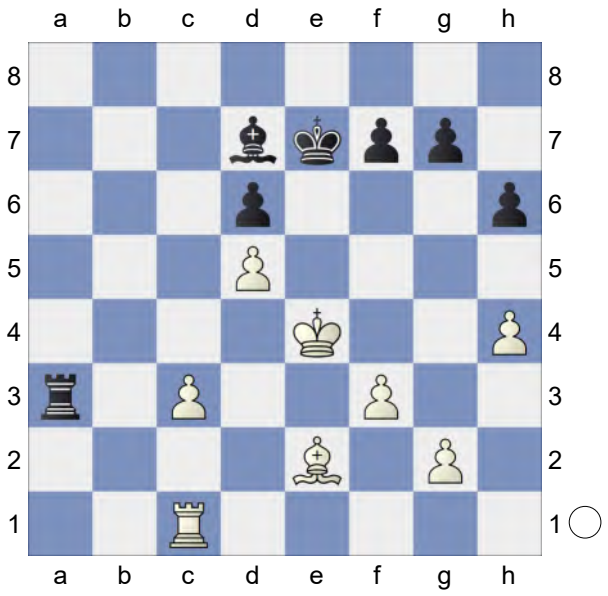


36.Rxa4 Bxa4± Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **37.Rc1 Ra3 38.h4 h6 39.Ke4 Ke7 40.d5 Bd7**



41.c4 Ra2 42.Re1 g5 1.66/20
[42...g6± 1.08/23]
43.hxg5 1.29/20
[White should play 43.h5+- 1.66/20]
43...hxg5 44.Kd4 Kd8 45.Ke3 Ra3+

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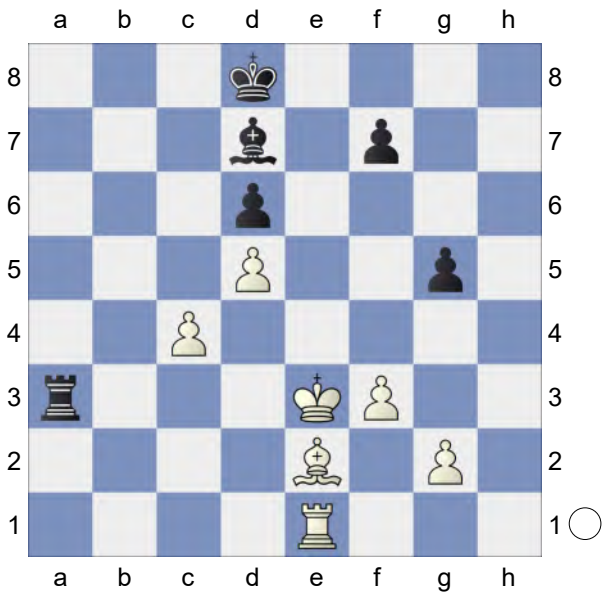
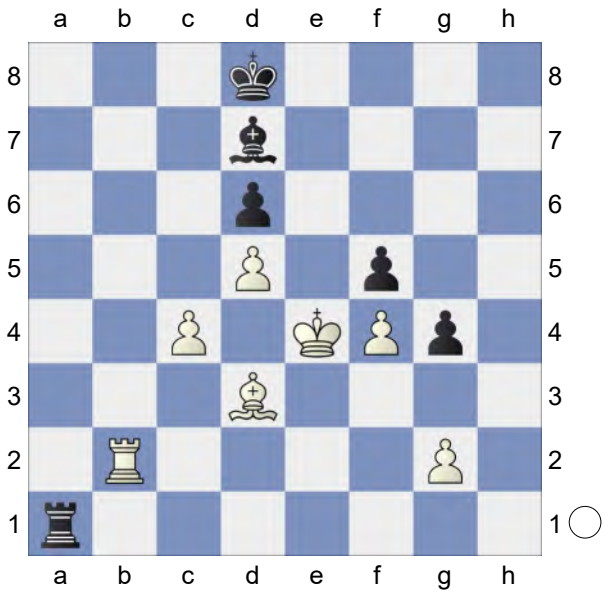
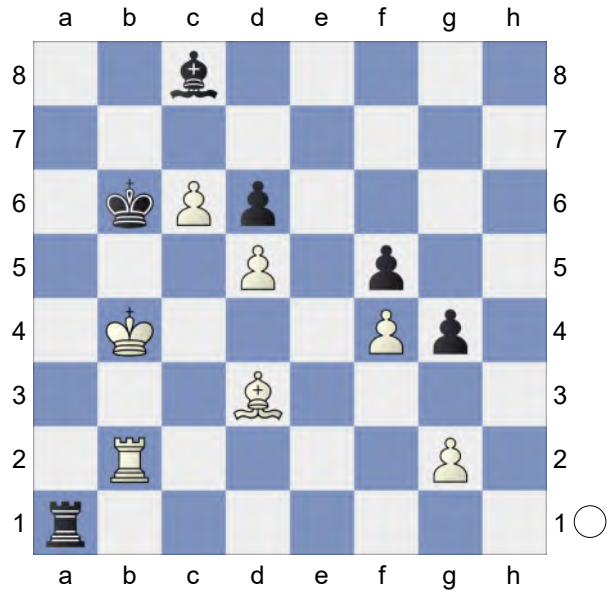


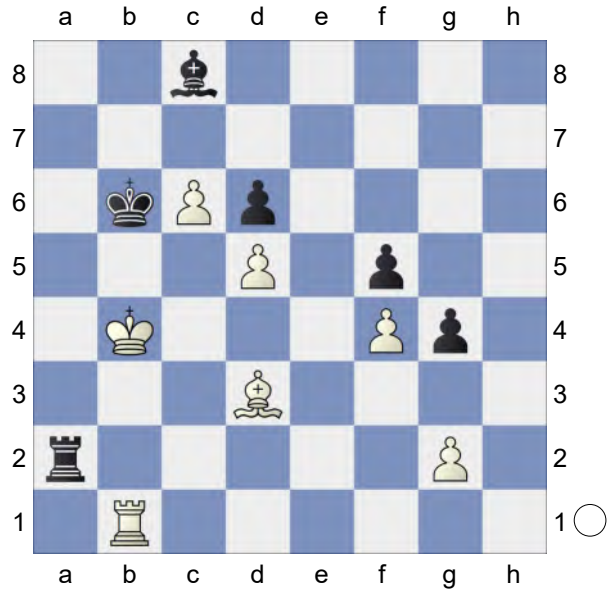
46.Ke4 Ra7 47.Bd3 g4 1.45/23
[⌓47...f5+ 0.93/23 48.Kd4 Ra2]
48.f4! Ra2 49.Re2 Ra1 50.Rb2 f5+



51.Kd4 This move loses the game for Black. **51...Kc7** 2.81/26
[51...Rd1± 1.40/24 52.Ra2 Kc8 53.Ra8+ Kc7]
52.c5+- Rd1 53.c6 Bc8 Dodges Rb7+ **54.Kc3 Ra1 55.Kb4** Prevents Ra3. and Re2 would now be decisive **55...Kb6?** 4.17/27
[55...Rd1 2.06/23 keeps fighting. 56.Bc4 Rd4]



56.Rb1 Ra2



57.Kc3+! Kc7

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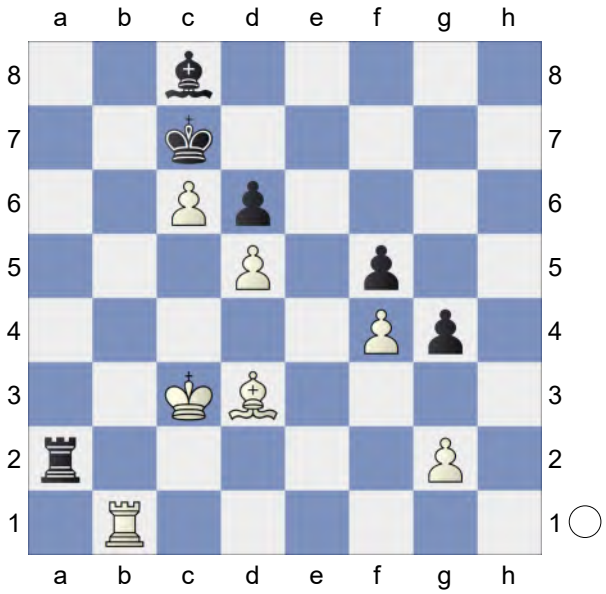
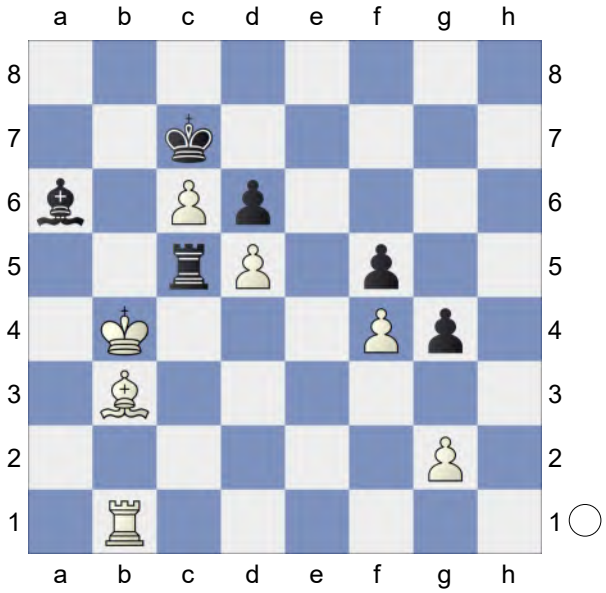


58.Bc2! Ra5 59.Bb3 Rc5+ 60.Kb4 Ba6



61.g3 Rb5+ 62.Kc3 Ra5 63.Re1 White is clearly winning. **63...Rc5+ 64.Kb2 Bc8 65.Re7+ Kb6**

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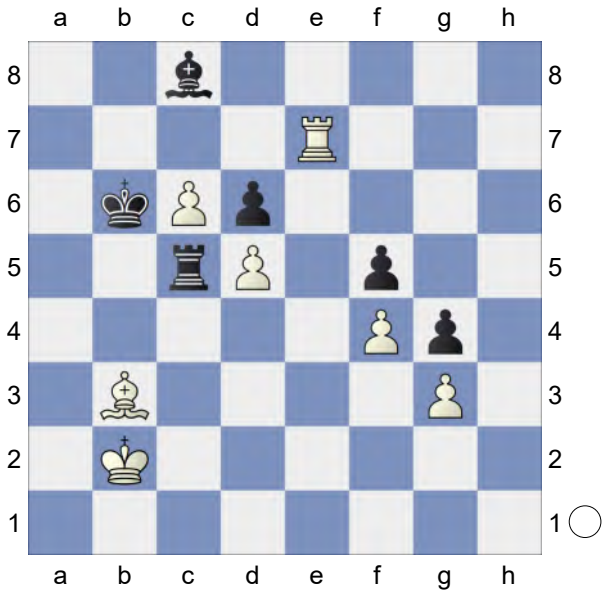
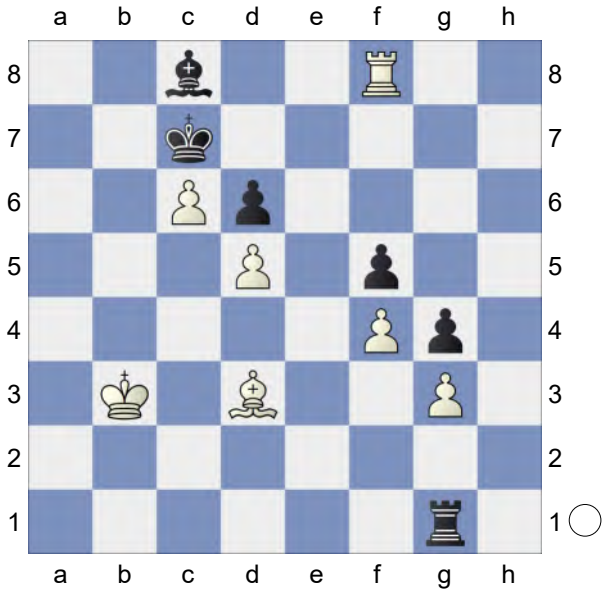


66.Rf7 Ra5 67.Rf8 Kc7 68.Bc4 Ra4 69.Kb3 Ra1 70.Bd3 Rg1



71.Bxf5 Rxg3+ 72.Kc4 Bxf5 7.14/25
[⌓72...Ba6+ 4.61/23 73.Kd4 Rg2 74.Rf7+ Kb6]
73.Rxf5 KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
73...Rg1 74.Rf7+ Kd8 75.Kd4
[75.Rd7+ Kc8=]
75...g3

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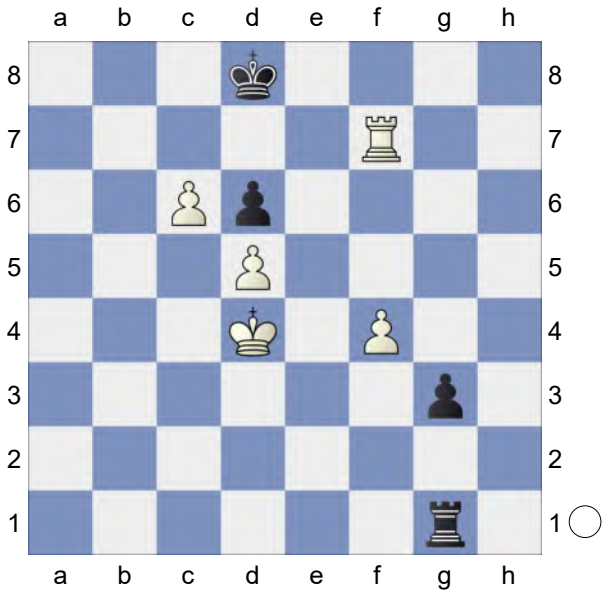
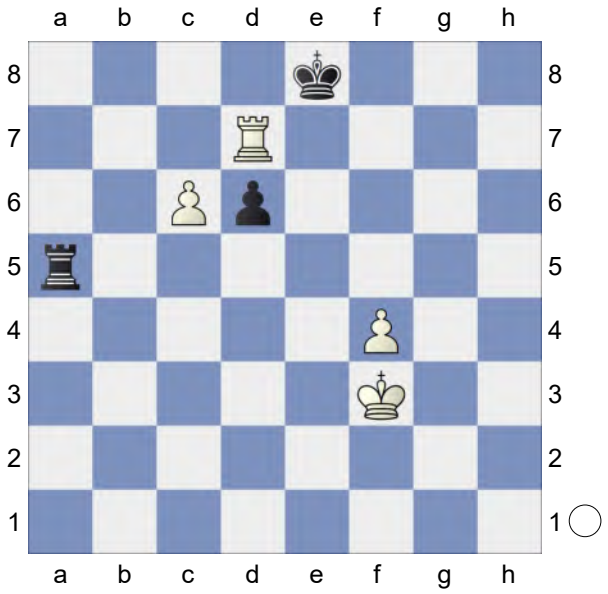


76.Ke4
[Less strong is 76.Rd7+ Kc8 77.Ke4 *(77.Rxd6 g2=)* 77...g2±]
76...g2 77.Rd7+ Ke8 78.Kf3!
[78.Rxd6? Re1+ 79.Kf5 g1Q-+ *(79...g1B?* is the wrong capture. *80.c7+-)*]
78...Rd1 79.Kxg2 Rxd5 80.Kf3 Ra5



81.Rxd6 Ra3+ 82.Kg4 Rc3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
83.f5

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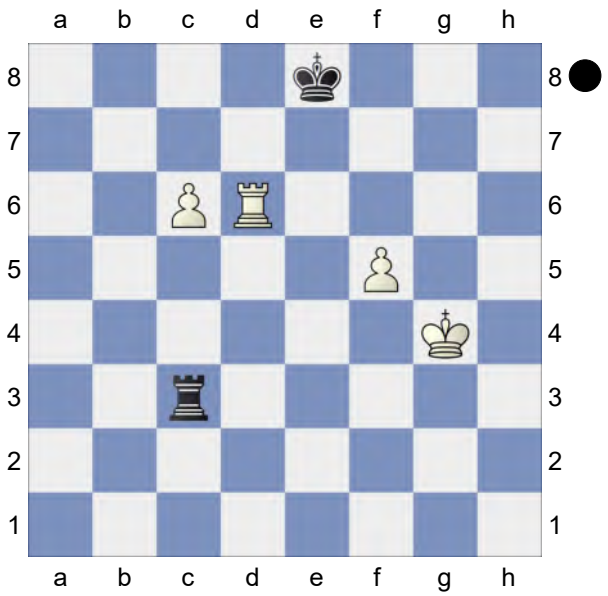

Normal
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41 **A40**
□ **Aggressive-Python** **2805**
■ **derdimcokanacan** **2763**
Blitz 26.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3
[5.e4 Bg4 6.Be2 Qe7 7.Nc3 0-0-0 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.0-0 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Qxe4 11.Bd3 Bxf3 12.Bxe4 Bxd1 13.Raxd1 Ne5 14.Bc3 g6 15.f4 Nc4 16.Bxh8 Rxh8 17.Rfe1 Rd8 18.b3 Nb6 19.c4 Re8 1-0 (32) Bashirli,S (1986)-Nevska,G (1863) Swiss Queens Wed #44 blitz 2024 (11)]
5...Nf6

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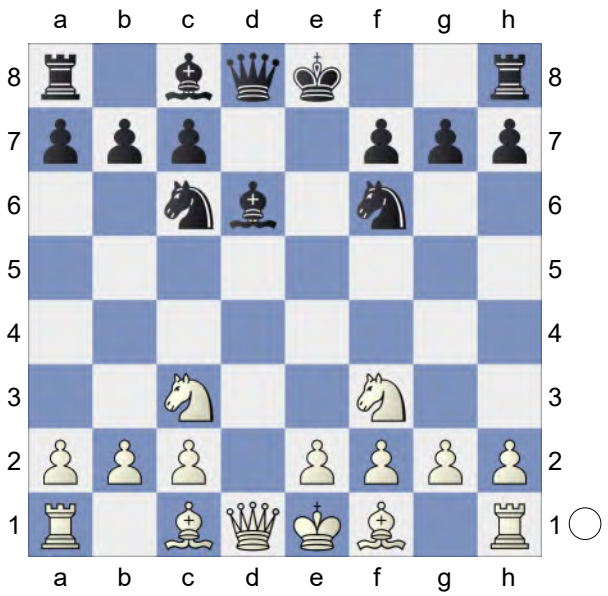

6.Bg5 0.97/18
[6.Nb5! 1.48/19]
6...Bg4N 1.41/17
[⌓6...h6 0.97/18 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 19.Rd6 Be6 20.Bc4 Rcd8 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.Rxd8+ Nxd8 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998 23.Rd1 Rb6+ 24.Kc1 Bb2+ 25.Kd2 Bf6 26.Bc7 Ra6 27.Bxd8 Bxd8 28.Kc1 Bf6 29.Rd7 Rxa2 30.Rxb7 Ra4 31.Nd2 Bc3 32.Rb3 Ra1+ 33.Nb1 Be1 34.Kb2 Ra5 35.f3 Kg7 36.Rb7 Bf2 37.e4 Kf6 ½-½ (54) Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) V0041 www.desc-online.de 1999]

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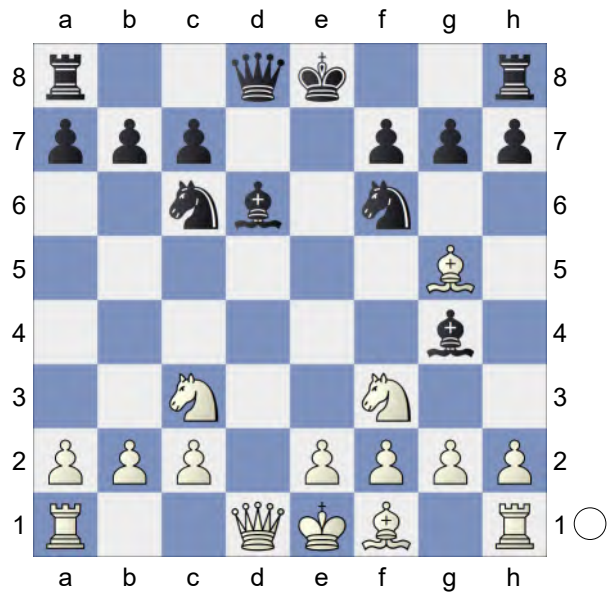

7.e3!± Qe7 2.17/19
[7...h6± 1.45/18 was worth a try.]
8.Be2 1.00/19
[8.Nd5+- 2.17/19 has better winning chances. Qd8 9.Bb5]
8...0-0-0 9.h3 0.27/20
[9.Nd4± 1.32/18 Bxe2 10.Nxc6 *(10.Qxe2 Nxd4 11.exd4 h6=; 10.Kxe2 Be5=; 10.Ndxe2 Bf4∓)* 10...Bxd1 11.Nxe7+ Bxe7 12.Rxd1]
9...Bh5 1.59/20
[9...Be6= 0.27/20]
10.Qc1 0.34/21
[10.Nd4± 1.59/20 aiming for Nxc6. Nxd4 11.Bxh5 *(11.Qxd4 Bc5±; 11.exd4 Bc5∓)*]
10...h6

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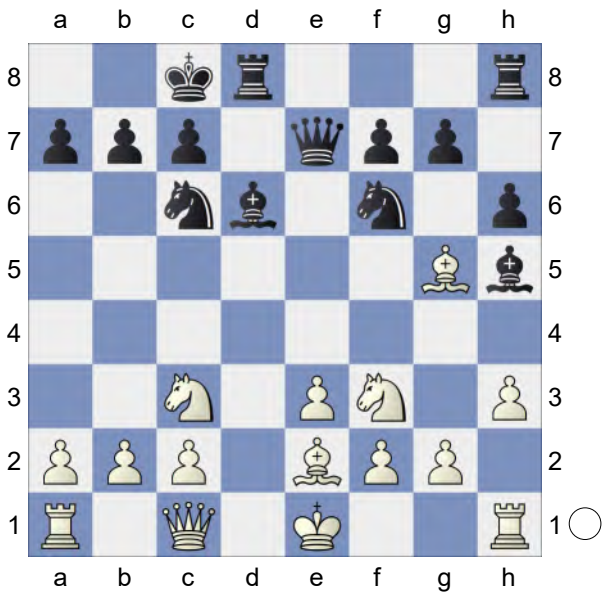
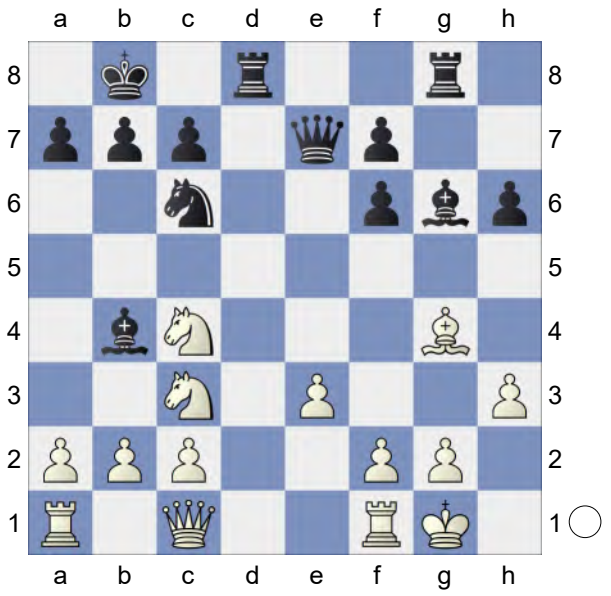


11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nd2 0.16/20
Inhibits f5.
[12.Nd5± 0.52/19 Qe6 13.c4]
12...Bg6 13.Nc4 -0.06/17
[13.0-0!± 0.34/18]
13...Bb4= 14.0-0 Rhg8 15.Bg4+ -0.80/24
[15.Rd1= 0.15/17]
15...Kb8



16.Rd1

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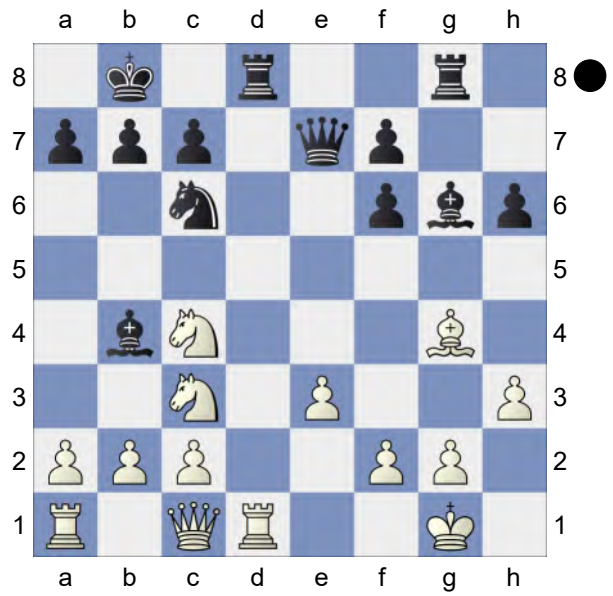
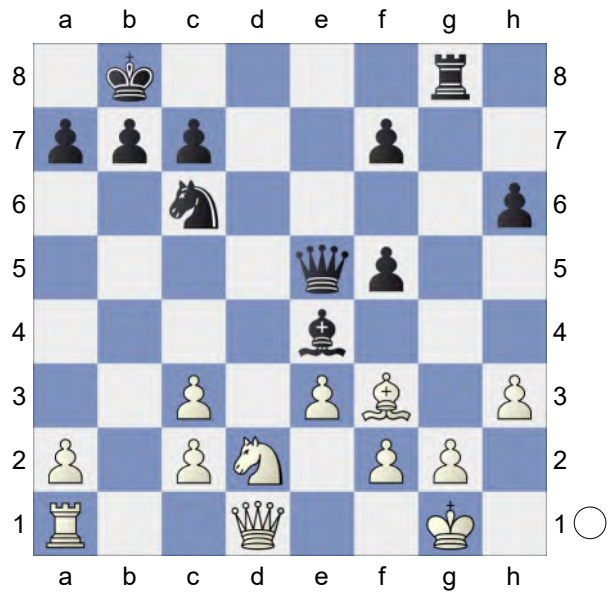
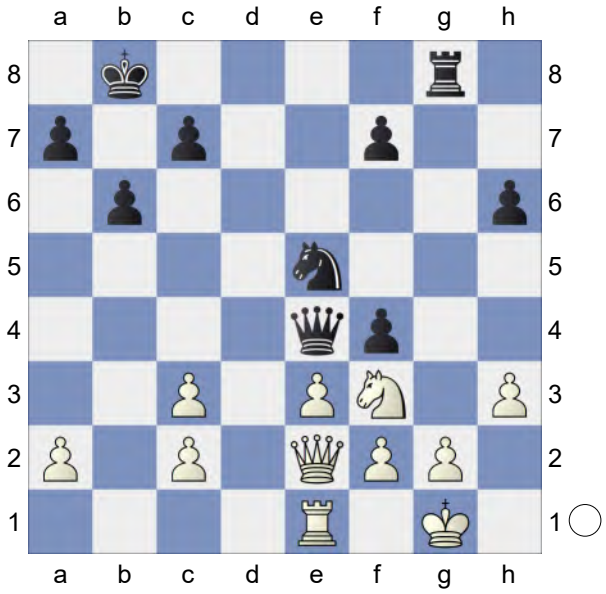


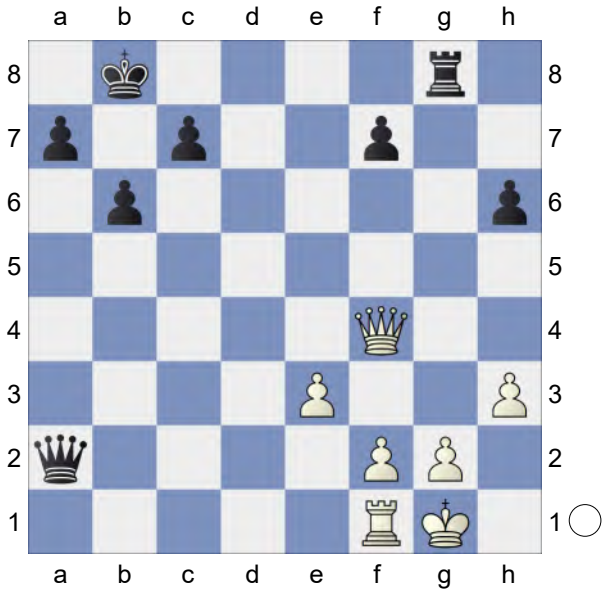
Rxd1+ -0.64/20
[16...Bxc3!∓ -1.06/23 17.bxc3 Rxd1+ 18.Bxd1 Be4 Discovered Attack]
17.Qxd1∓ Bxc3 18.bxc3 Be4 19.Bf3 f5 0.39/20
[19...Qe6∓ -0.37/22 20.Nd2 Bxf3 21.Nxf3 *(21.Qxf3 Ne5=)* 21...Qxh3]
20.Nd2!± Qe5



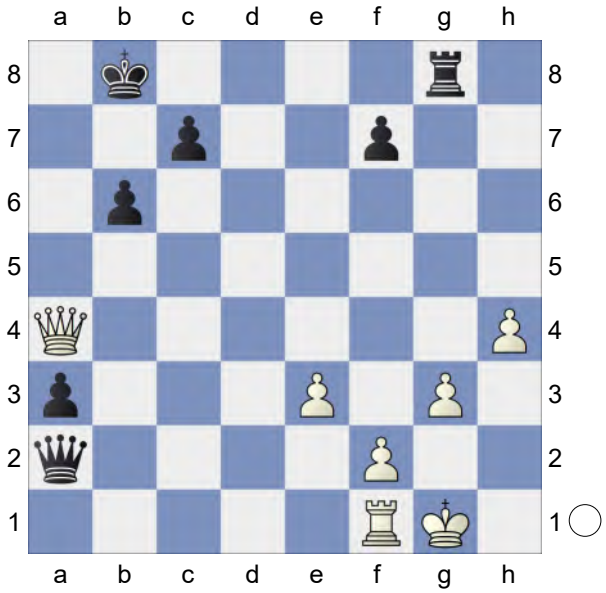
21.Rb1 b6 22.Qe1 -0.75/21
[22.c4± 0.49/18 stays ahead.]
22...Bxf3 -0.37/18
[22...Qe6∓ -0.75/21]
23.Nxf3∓ Qe4 0.35/21
[23...Qd5∓ -0.45/21 24.Qd1 Qxa2]
24.Qe2 -0.08/22
[24.Qd1± 0.35/21]
24...f4= 25.Re1 Ne5→



Black mounts an attack. **26.Kf1 Nxf3 27.Qxf3** Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **27...Qc4+**
[27...Qxf3 simplifies 28.gxf3 Rg5 29.Ke2 Ra5]
28.Kg1 Qxc3
[28...Qxa2 29.Qxf4 *(29.exf4 Qxc2 30.g3 Rf8=)* 29...Qxc2 30.Qxf7±]
29.Rf1 Qxc2 30.Qxf4 Qxa2



31.Qxh6 -1.33/19
[31.Rc1!∓ -0.55/22 Rc8 32.Qxh6]
31...Qd5∓ 32.g3 a5 -0.61/18
[32...Kb7∓ -1.45/22 33.Qf4 a5]
33.h4 -1.50/20
[33.Qf4!∓ -0.61/18]
33...a4 -0.54/18
[Black should play 33...Qf3∓ -1.50/20
Strongly threatening ...Kb7. 34.Qh7 Rg6]
34.Qf4!∓ a3 0.08/25
[34...b5∓ -0.45/21]
35.Qa4 Qa2
[35...a2?! 36.Ra1±]



36.Rc1 Qb2 37.Qc4 Rc8
Active counter play! **38.Rc2! Qb1+**
39.Kg2 f5 40.Ra2 f4? 4.96/18

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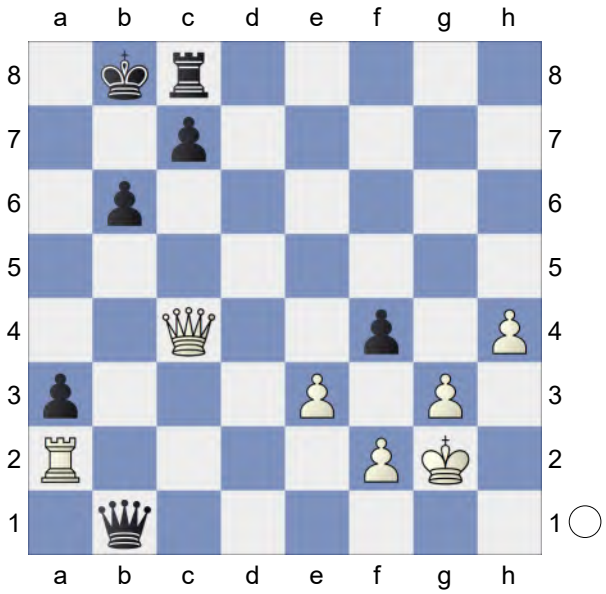
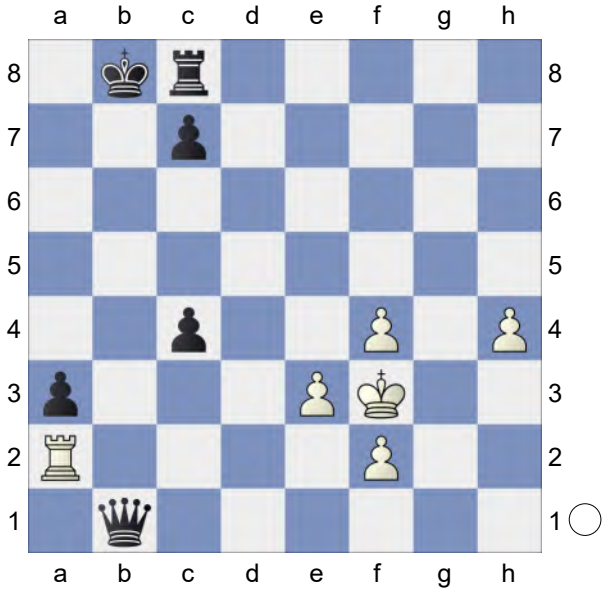


41.gxf4? -0.59/22
[Don't take 41.exf4 Qf5 *(41...b5? 42.Qd5+-)* 42.Rxa3 Rd8]
[White should play 41.Rxa3+- 4.96/18 Re8 *(41...fxg3 42.Qc6)* 42.exf4 *(42.Qxf4 Qd1+-)*]
41...b5 42.Kf3? -#11/19 What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.41
42...bxc4



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42 **A40**
□ **v_m** **2892**
■ **dr_xStranger** **2645**
Blitz 13.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6**
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
3...Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3N
[5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Bf5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.c3 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 g5 11.0-0 h5 12.Qa4 h4 13.e4 Bd7 14.e5 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Nf3 Qf6 17.Rad1 hxg3 18.fxg3 Qh6 19.b4 Kb8 0-1 (39) Herbrig,A (2325)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (8)]
5...0-0

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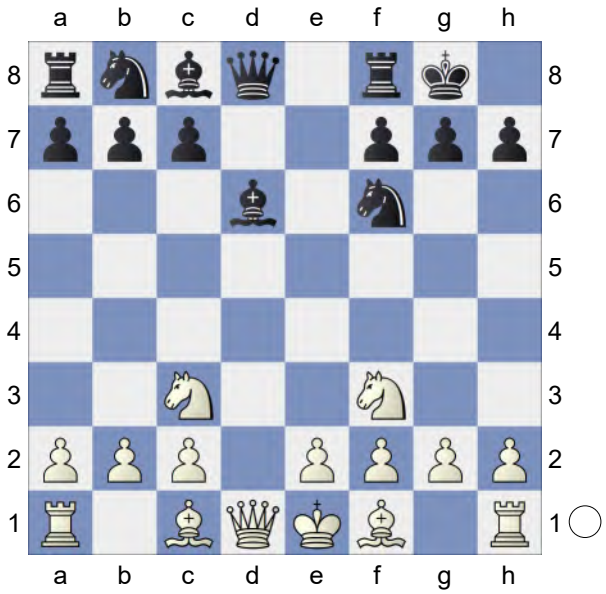
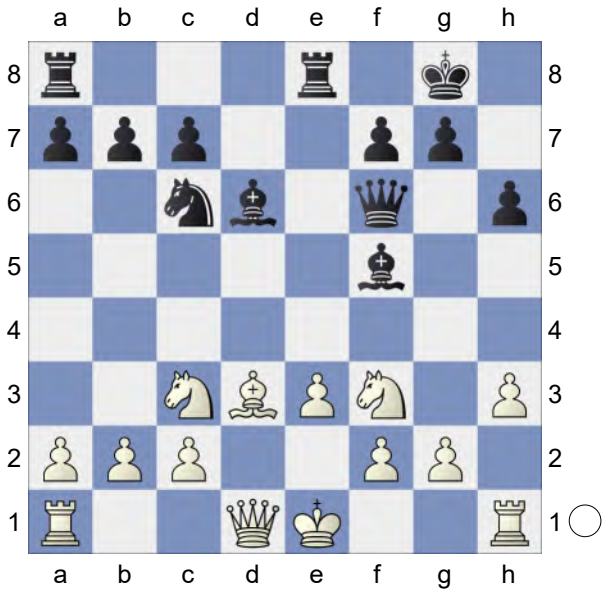
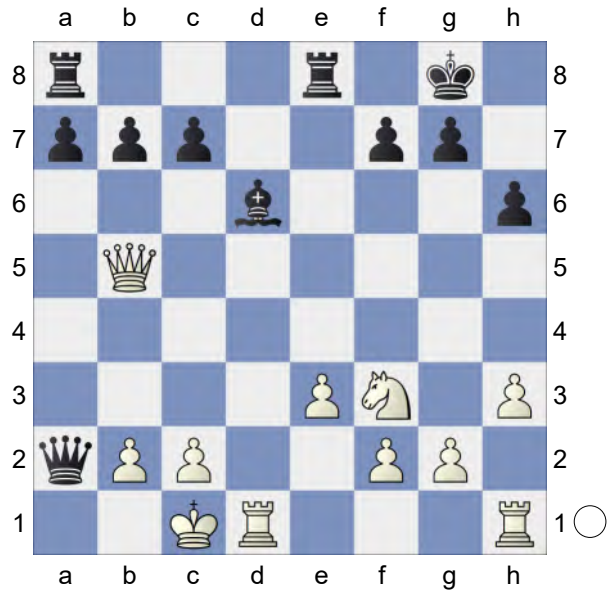


6.Bg5 Re8 7.e3 h6 8.Bxf6 White is better. **8...Qxf6 9.Bd3** 0.38/20
[9.Qd4± 1.06/18]
9...Nc6 10.h3 -0.15/20
[White should play 10.0-0!± 0.36/19]
10...Bf5 0.91/21
[10...Ne5= -0.15/20]



11.Bxf5 Qxf5 12.Qd3 0.49/19
[12.0-0± 1.01/19]
12...Qe6!± 13.0-0-0 -0.18/18
[13.Qe2± 0.55/21]
13...Nb4!= 14.Qb5 Nxa2+ 15.Nxa2

Qxa2



16.c3 -1.08/20
[16.Kd2= -0.18/20]
16...a6 -0.21/20
[16...c6!∓ -1.08/20 17.Qf5 g6]
17.Qd5 Qa4 18.Nd4 -0.47/21
[18.Kb1!= -0.10/17]
18...Rad8 19.Qb3 Qa5 20.g4 b5? 2.58/20
[20...c5∓ -0.72/19 stays on course. 21.Nf5 b5 22.Nxd6 *(22.Rxd6? Qa1+* Skewer *23.Kc2 Qxh1-+)* 22...Rxd6 23.Rxd6 Qa1+ 24.Kc2 Qxh1]

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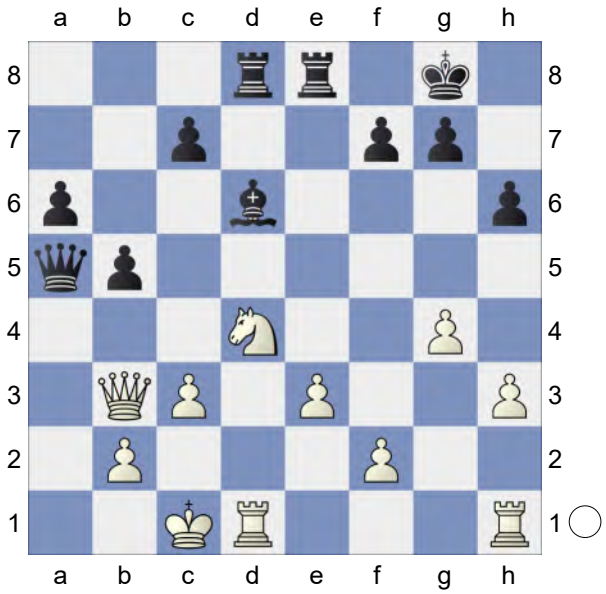
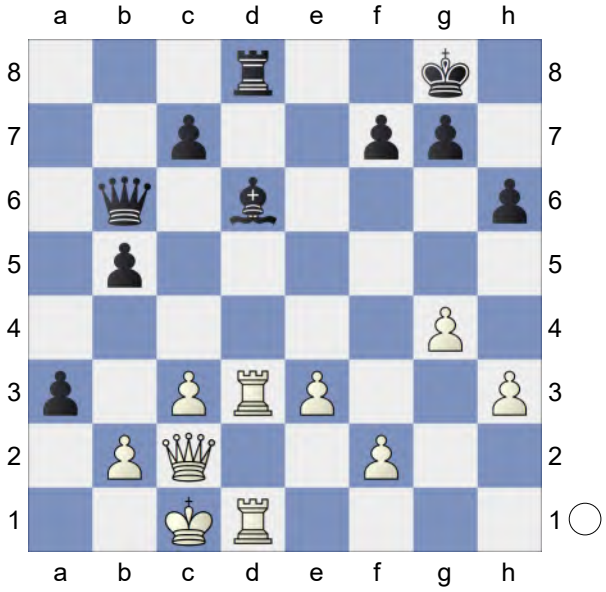
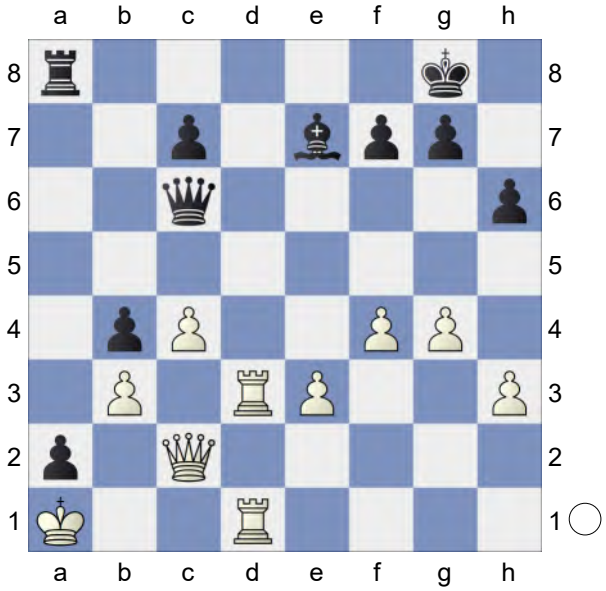


21.Nc6+- Qb6
[21...Qa1+? 22.Kc2 Qa4 23.Qxa4 bxa4 24.Nxd8 Rxd8 25.h4+-]
22.Nxd8 Rxd8 23.Rd3 a5 24.Rhd1 a4 25.Qc2 a3



26.b3 0.84/18
[26.b4+- 1.75/21 has better winning chances.]
26...Ra8± 27.Kb1 Ka2 is the strong threat. **27...a2+ 28.Ka1 Qc6** 1.19/18 Against e4
[28...b4± 0.66/19]
29.f4 0.60/17

[29.b4!± 1.19/18]
29...b4!± 30.c4 -0.30/20
[30.Rc1± 0.83/17]
30...Be7 1.06/23
[30...Qf3= -0.30/20 remains equal. 31.h4 Qxg4]



31.Rd4? -1.06/21
[31.e4!± 1.06/23 is forced if you want to stay better.]
31...Bf6 -0.21/21
[Black should play 31...Qf3!∓ -1.06/21 32.Qe4 Qxe4 33.Rxe4 Bf6+ 34.Re5 Ra3 *(34...Bxe5+ 35.fxe5 Ra3 36.Rd8+ Kh7 37.Rc8∓)*]
32.h4? -1.90/20 **g6?** -0.10/19
[32...Qf3-+ -1.90/20 33.g5 Bxd4+ 34.exd4 g6 *(34...Qxf4 35.gxh6 Qxh6 36.Qe4∓)* 35.gxh6 Kh7 *(35...Qxf4 36.h5∓)*]
33.g5!= hxg5 34.hxg5 Bg7 Pin **35.f5** -1.41/25
[35.e4!= 0.00/21 was the only way to keep the balance. Bxd4+ 36.Rxd4]

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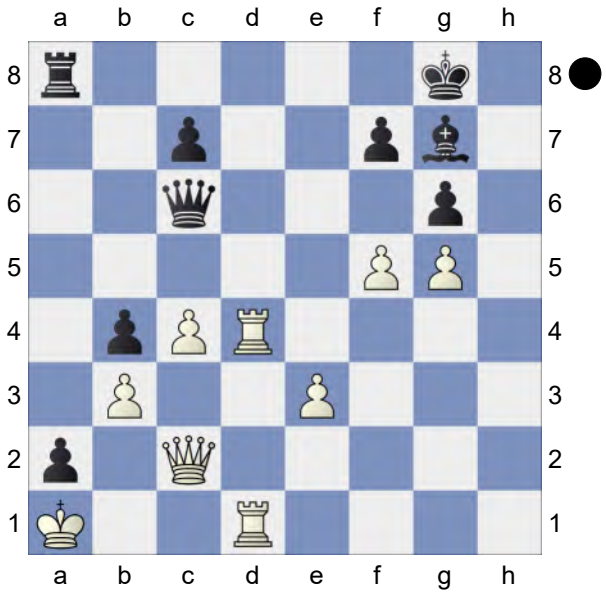
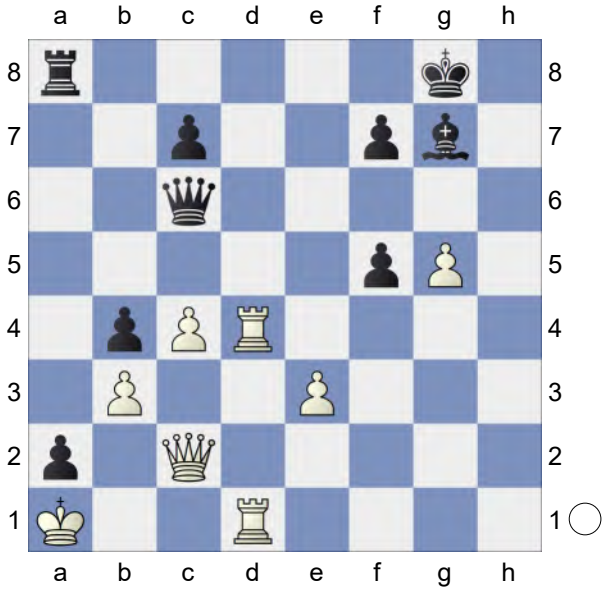


35...gxf5 -0.41/17
[35...Be5!∓ -1.41/25 aiming for ...Qf3. 36.fxg6 Qxg6 *(36...Bxd4+ 37.exd4 Qxg6 38.Qxg6+ fxg6 39.Rf1±)* 37.Qxg6+ fxg6]



36.Qxf5∓ Qg6 37.Qxg6 fxg6= Endgame KRR-KRB **38.c5! Ra5**
[38...Bxd4+ 39.Rxd4 Ra5 40.Rd8+ Kf7 41.Rd7+ Ke6 42.Rxc7]
39.Kb2? -2.34/24

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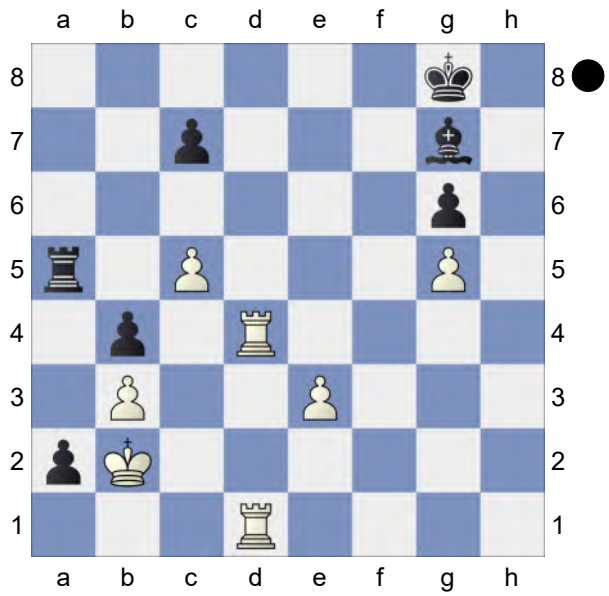
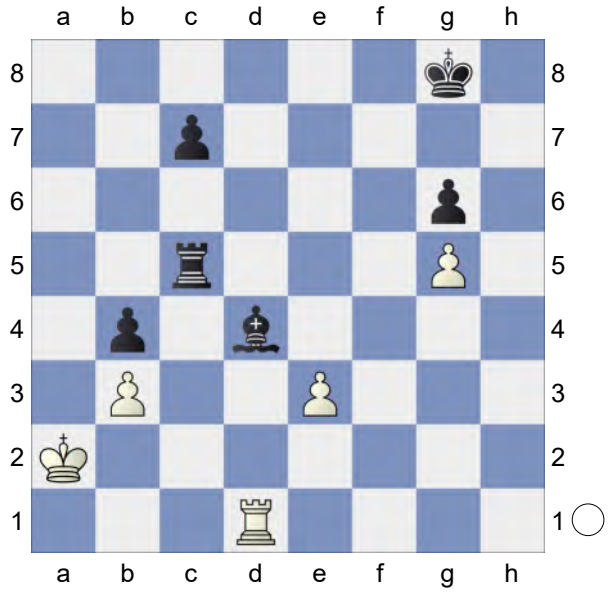


Rxc5? -0.07/21
[Stronger than 39...Bxd4+ 40.exd4 Kf7 41.Ka1= *(41.Ra1? Ke6-+)*]
[39...Kf7!-+ -2.34/24 40.Ka1 *(40.Rf1+? Ke6-+)* 40...Ra3 *(40...Bxd4+ 41.Rxd4 Rxc5 42.Kxa2∓; 40...Rxc5 41.Kxa2 Bxd4 42.Rxd4∓)*]
40.Kxa2 The position is equal. **40...Bxd4**



41.Rxd4 Rxg5 42.Rxb4-+ KR-KR
42...Kf7 43.Rc4 c5 44.Kb2 Ke6 45.Kc3 Kd5

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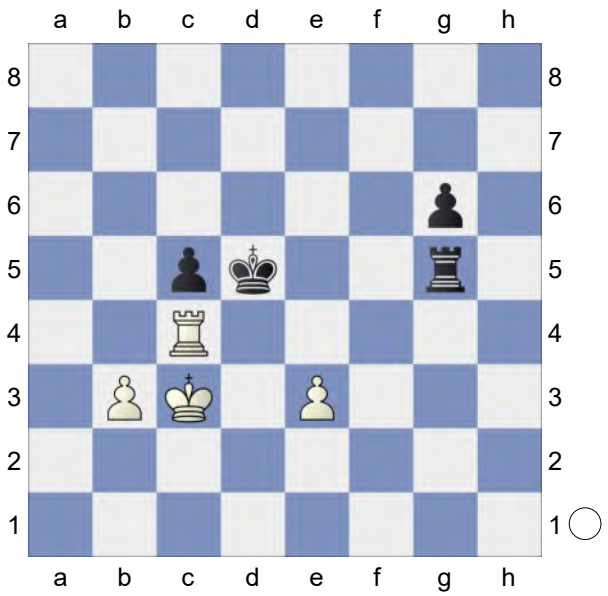
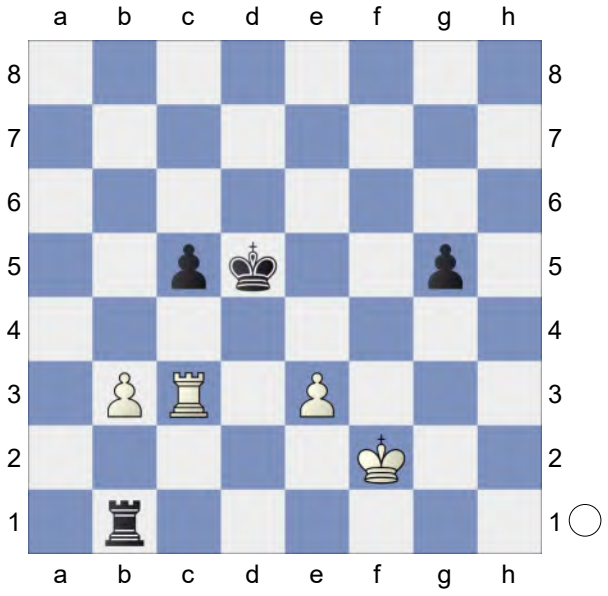


46.Kd3 Rg1 47.Ke2 g5 48.Kf3 Rb1 49.Rc3 Rg1 50.Kf2 Rb1



51.Kf3 Rg1 52.Kf2 Rb1 53.Rd3+ Ke4 54.Rc3 Black defended with fortune.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.40
54...Kd5

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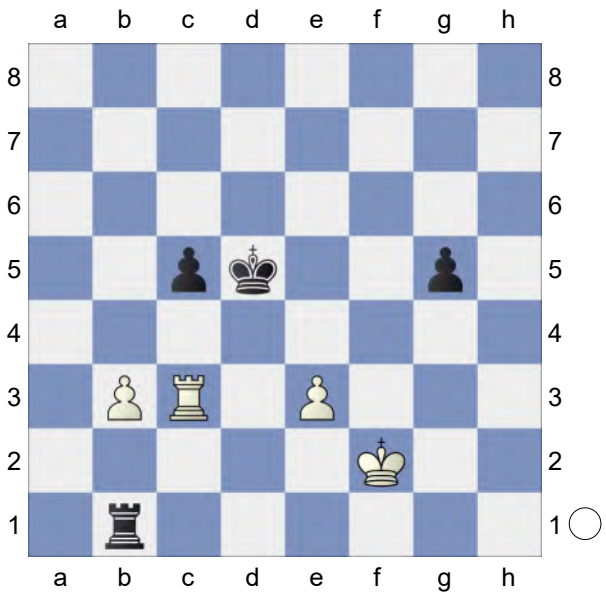

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43 **A40**
□ **EchiquierChalonnais** **2764**
■ **derdimcokanacan** **2754**
Blitz 18.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.exd6 Bxd6 5.Nc3 Nc6**

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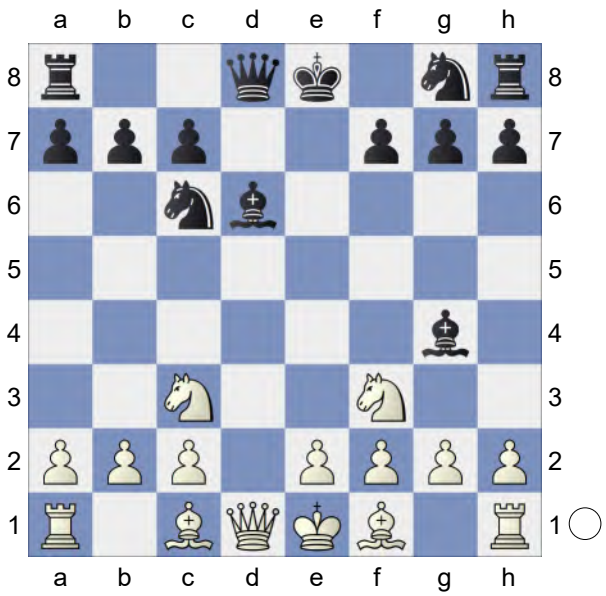
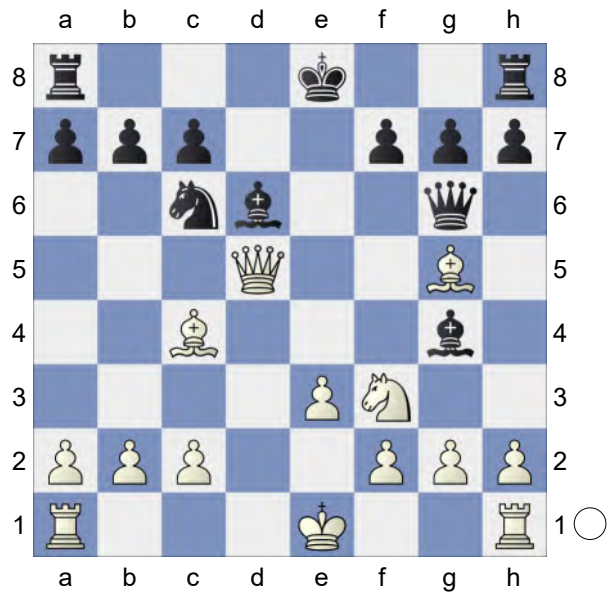


6.Bg5 Nf6N
[6...f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6 21.Ke3 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]
7.e3 Qe7 1.99/19
[7...h6± 1.17/20]
8.Nd5+- White is clearly better. **8...Qe6**
9.Bc4 1.09/19
[9.Bxf6+- 2.08/21 gxf6 10.Bc4]
9...Nxd5± 10.Qxd5
[10.Bxd5?! Qg6±]
10...Qg6

(Diagram)



11.0-0-0 0.00/23
[11.Nh4!± 1.49/20 Qh5 12.Qe4+ Ne5 13.f4 Pin *(13.Qxb7? 0-0-+)*]
11...Nb4!= White is now going downhill.
12.Qd2 -2.67/20
[12.Qxb7? Qxc2#]
[12.Qb5+!= 0.00/23 and White stays safe. c6 *(12...Bd7? 13.Qxd7+* Decoy *Kxd7 14.Ne5+ Ke8 15.Nxg6+-)* 13.Bd3 *(13.Qxb7? Qxc2#)* 13...Nxa2+ 14.Kb1 cxb5 15.Bxg6 Discovered Attack hxg6 16.Rxd6 *(16.Kxa2 Bc5∓)* 16...Bxf3 17.gxf3]
12...Bxf3-+ Remove Defender **13.gxf3 Qxg5 14.Qc3 Qf6 15.Qb3 0-0**
[15...Qxf3 16.a3∓]

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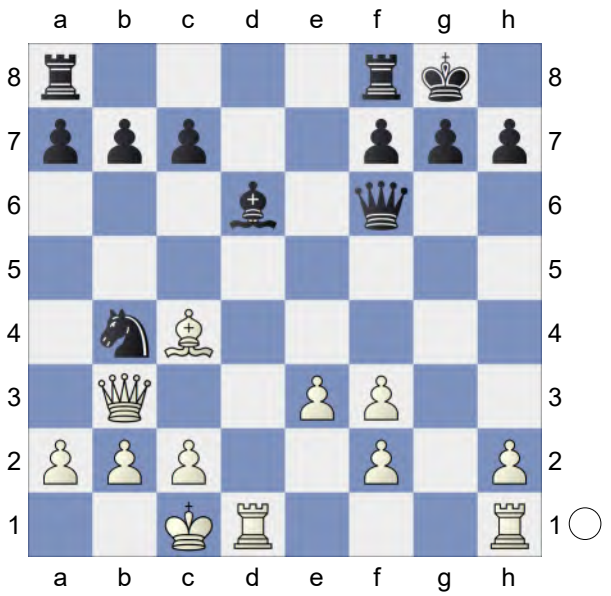
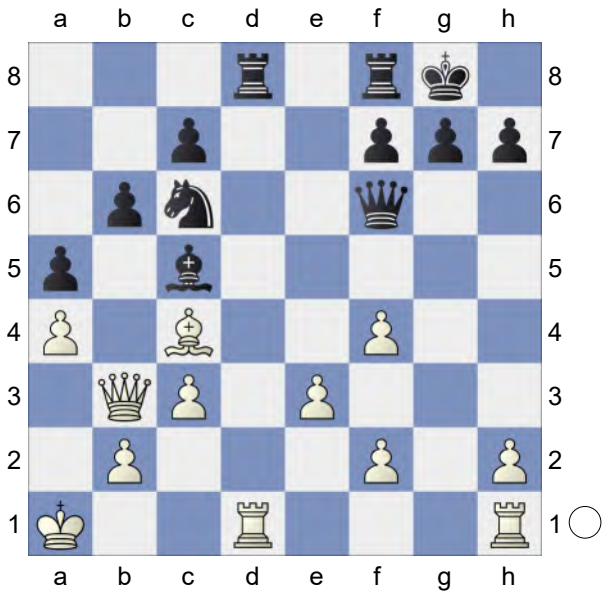


16.f4 a5 17.a4 Rad8 18.Kb1 Bc5 19.c3 Nc6 20.Ka1 b6



21.Bd5 g6 22.h4 h5 23.Rdg1 Ne7 24.Be4 Rd2 Wards off Qc2 **25.Rg2 Rfd8**

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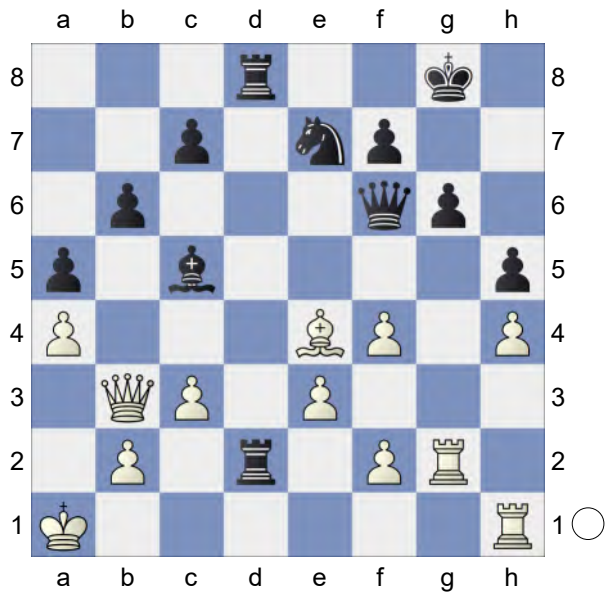
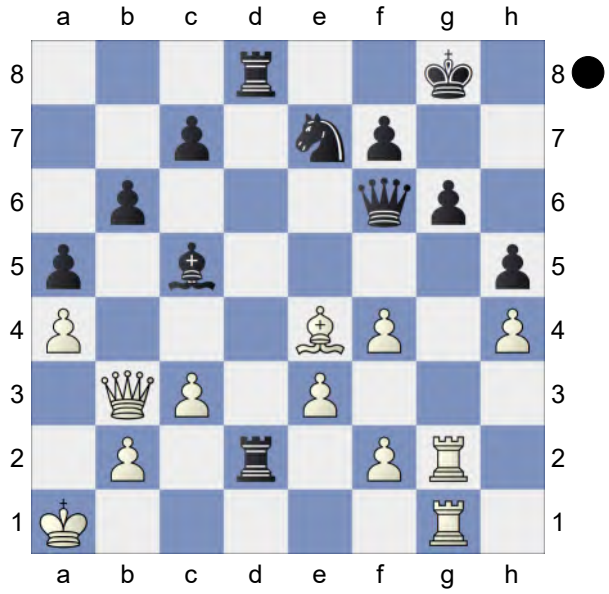
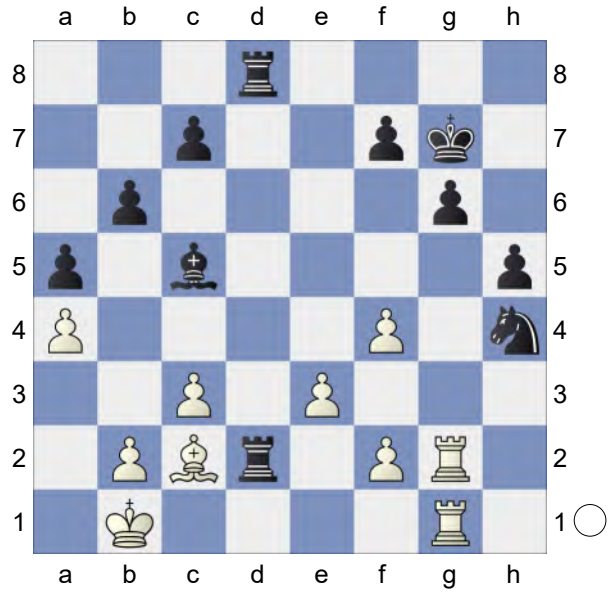


26.Rhg1

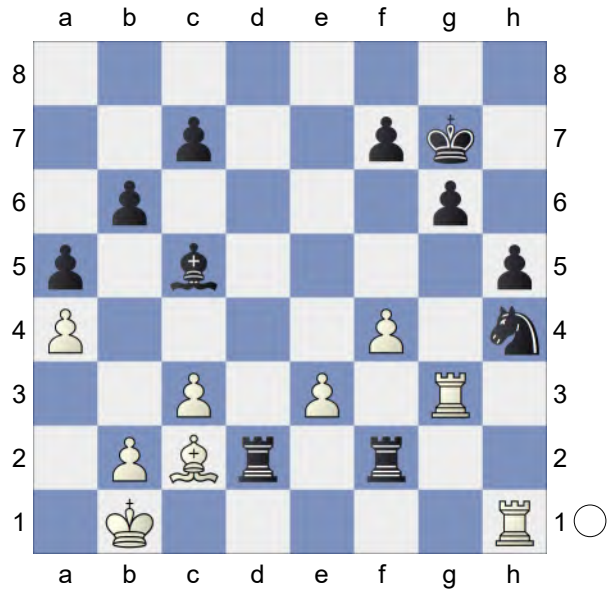


Strongly threatening Rxg6+. **26...Kg7**
[26...Qxh4 27.Bxg6 Nxg6 *(27...Rxf2 28.Qxf7+ Kh8 29.Qh7#)* 28.Rxg6+ Kf8 29.Rg8+ Ke7 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Qc2-+]
27.Kb1 Qe6 -2.14/20
[Don't play 27...Qxh4 28.Rf1]
[⌓27...Nf5 -4.78/18 28.Rg5 Nxh4]
28.Bc2? -5.04/18
[28.Qxe6 -2.14/20 was called for. fxe6 29.Bxg6 Rd1+ 30.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 31.Kc2]

28...Qxb3 Black is clearly winning.
29.Bxb3 Nf5 30.Bc2 -6.53/18
[⌓30.Rg5 -4.32/18 Nxh4 31.Rxh5]
30...Nxh4



31.Rg3 Rxf2 32.Rh1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=0.25 (precise)
32...Rdd2



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44 **A40**
□ **INDIAN-ELEPHANT** **2773**
■ **derdimcokanacan** **2714**
Blitz 17.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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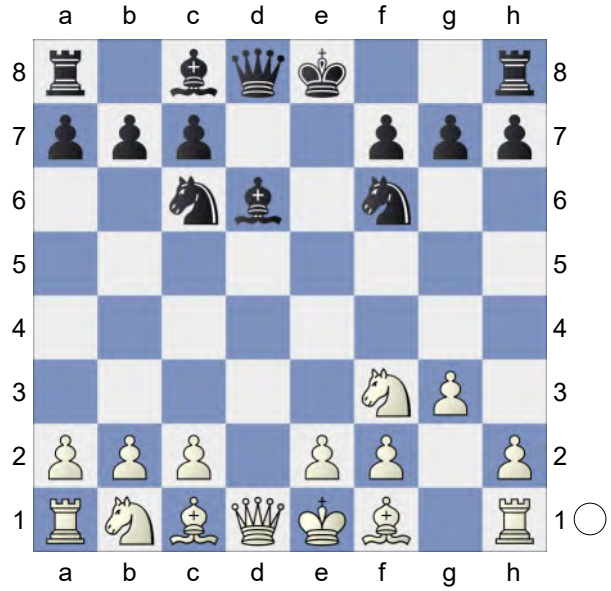
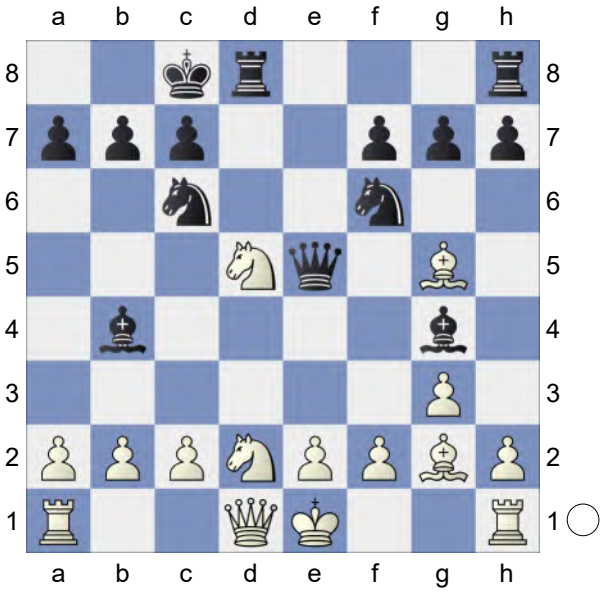
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.exd6**
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bxd6 5.g3 Nf6



6.Bg2 Bg4N
[6...Bf5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.c3 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 g5 11.0-0 h5 12.Qa4 h4 13.e4 Bd7 14.e5 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Nf3 Qf6 17.Rad1 hxg3 18.fxg3 Qh6 19.b4 Kb8 20.b5 g4 21.Nh4 0-1 (39) Herbrig,A (2325)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (8)]
7.Nc3 Qe7 8.Bg5 0.51/18
[8.Nd4!± 1.17/19 Nxd4 9.Qxd4]
8...0-0-0± 9.Nd5 -2.43/19 Against Bf4
[9.Qc1± 0.49/20 keeps the upper hand.]
9...Bb4+-+ 10.Nd2 Qe5 -0.63/20
[10...Rxd5-+ -2.56/20 11.Bxd5 Nd4]



11.Bxf6!∓ gxf6 12.c3! Rxd5 13.cxb4? -3.16/21
[13.Bxd5= -0.05/20 Qxd5 14.f3]
13...Rd7 14.h3? -4.12/21
[14.Bxc6 -2.31/20 bxc6 15.h3]
14...Rhd8!-+ 15.hxg4 Rxd2

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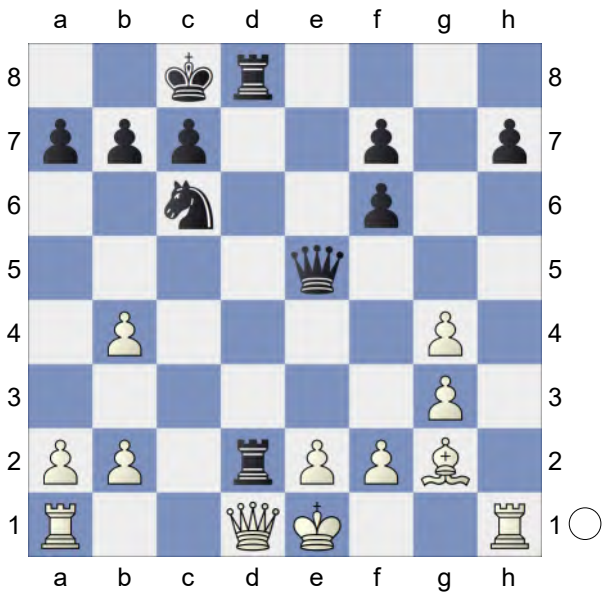
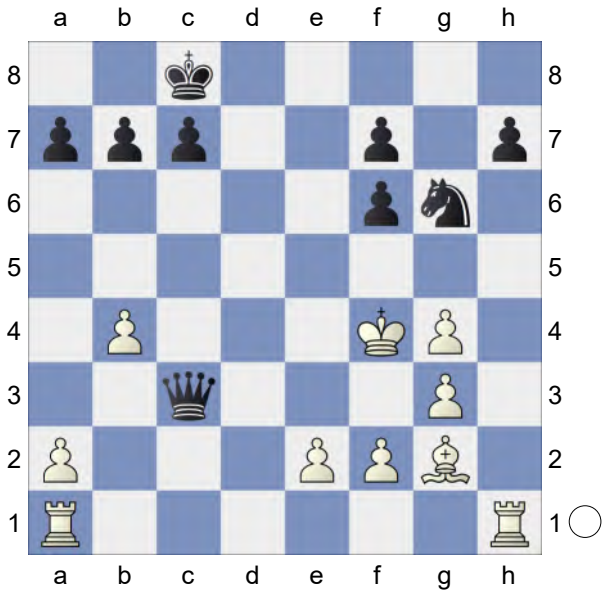
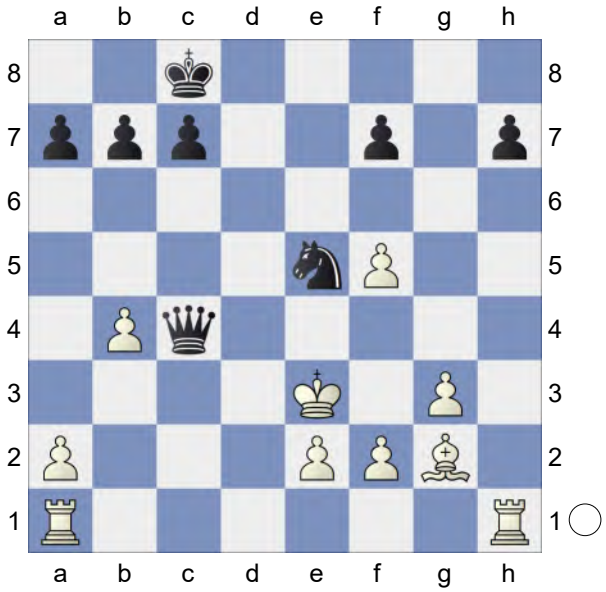


16.Qxd2 Rxd2 17.Kxd2 Qxb2+ 18.Kd3 Ne5+
[18...Qxb4 19.Bxc6 Qd6+ 20.Ke3 Qxc6 *(20...bxc6 21.Rad1∓)* 21.Rad1∓]
19.Ke3 Qc3+ 20.Kf4 Ng6+ -5.05/17
[⌓20...Qd4+ -#4/14 21.Be4 Qd2+ *(21...Qxf2+ 22.Bf3 Qd4+* Skewer *23.Be4 Qd2+ 24.e3 Qf2+ 25.Bf3 Qxf3#)* 22.e3 Qxf2+ 23.Bf3 Qxf3#]



21.Ke4 Qc4+ 22.Ke3 Qc3+
[22...Qxg4? 23.Bh3+- *(23.Rxh7? Qg5+ 24.Kd3 Qb5+ 25.Kd2 Qxb4+ 26.Kc2 Qc4+ 27.Kb1 Qb4+ 28.Kc2 Qc4+ 29.Kb1 Qxe2-+)*]
[22...Qxb4 23.f4∓]
23.Ke4 f5+
[23...Qc6+ 24.Ke3 Qxg2 25.Rxh7-+]
24.gxf5 Qc4+ 25.Ke3 Ne5? -0.36/16
[25...Qc3+-+ -3.23/20 26.Ke4 Qe5+ *(26...Qxb4+? 27.Kf3-+)* 27.Kd3 Qxf5+ 28.Ke3 Qe6+ 29.Kd2 Qf6]



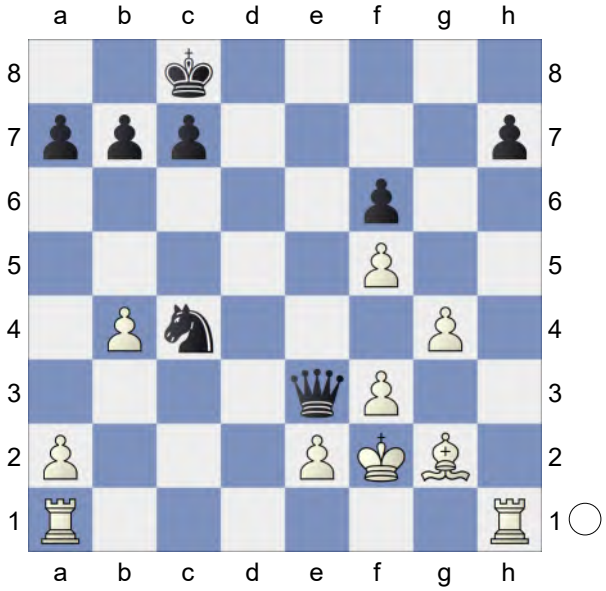
26.f3? -4.05/19
[26.Rad1∓ -0.36/16]
26...Qc3+
[26...Qxb4 27.Bh3=]
27.Kf4 f6 (-> ...Qd4+)
[27...Qxb4+? 28.Kxe5 Qd6+ 29.Ke4+-]
28.g4 Nc4? -0.53/19
[28...Qxb4+ 29.Kg3=]
[28...Nd3+!-+ -3.08/20 29.Kg3 Qe5+ *(29...Nxb4 30.Rad1=)* 30.Kh3 Nf4+ *(30...Qxe2? 31.Raf1-+; 30...Nf2+? 31.Kh4-+)* 31.Kg3 Nxe2+ 32.Kf2 Nf4]
29.Kg3∓ Qe5+ 0.00/21
[29...Qxb4 30.Rxh7 Ne3 31.Rh8+ Kd7 32.Rah1±]

[29...Ne3∓ -0.59/20]

30.Kf2? -1.66/18

[30.f4!= 0.00/21 and White stays safe. Qxe2 *(30...Qe3+ 31.Bf3±)* 31.Rae1 Qd3+ 32.Kf2 *(32.Bf3? Nd2-+)*]

30...Qe3+-+



Black has strong compensation. **31.Kg3 Qe5+?** 0.00/22

[31...Qxe2 32.Rhe1 *(32.Rae1 Qd2+-)* 32...Qb2 33.Rad1+-]

[Black should try 31...Nd6-+ -1.72/19 ...a5 is the strong threat. 32.Kh4 h5 *(32...Qxe2 33.Kh3∓)*]

32.f4!= Qe3+ 33.Bf3 Nd2 34.Kg2 Qxf4 35.Rxh7 Ne4

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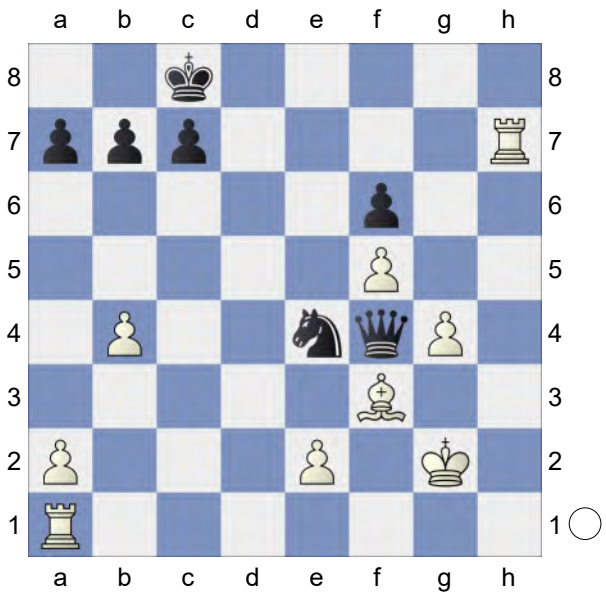
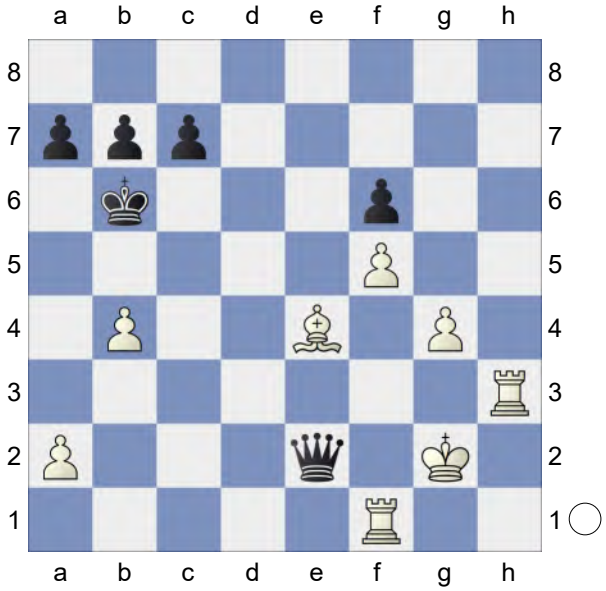


36.Rh8+ Kd7 (-> ...Qg3+). Dancing on a razor blade. **37.Rd1+ Kc6 38.Rh3 Qe3** Inhibits Rd4. **39.Rf1**

[39.Rd3!? Qf2+□ 40.Kh1 Qf1+ 41.Kh2 Qf2+ 42.Kh1=]

39...Kb6 40.Bxe4 Qxe2+



41.Rf2 -0.24/21

[⌓41.Kg1 0.18/22 Qxe4 42.Rg3]

41...Qxe4+ Endgame KQ-KRR **42.Kg3 Qxb4 43.Rf3** -0.30/21

[⌓43.g5 0.24/20]

43...Qd6+ 0.06/21

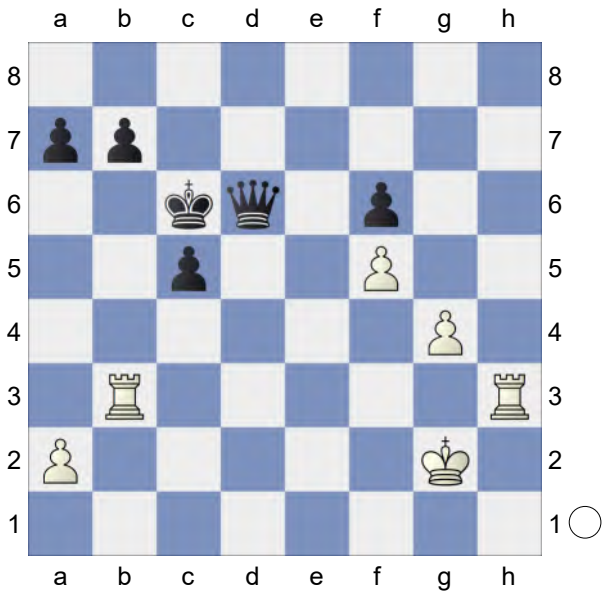
[43...Qe1+ -0.30/21 deserves

consideration. 44.Kg2 Qe2+ 45.Kg3 Qe1+ *(45...Qxa2 46.Rh6=)*]

44.Kg2 c5 45.Rb3+ -1.21/19

[45.Rf2∓ -0.37/21]

45...Kc6∓



46.Rbd3 -1.49/20

[White should play 46.Rbe3 -1.13/20 Qf4 47.Rhg3]

46...Qf4 47.Rhg3 c4 48.Rdf3 -2.23/23

[48.Rde3∓ -1.57/16]

48...Qg5-+

[48...Qd2+ 49.Rf2 Qg5 50.Kh3∓]

49.Kh3 -3.45/17

[49.a4 -2.26/17]

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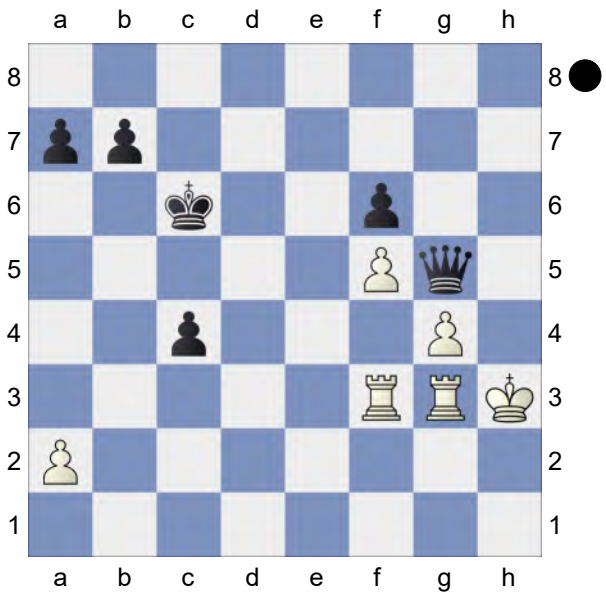
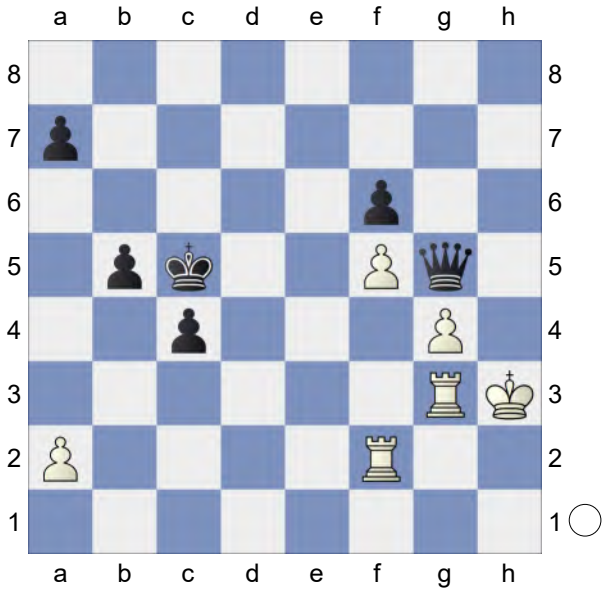


49...b5!

[49...Qh6+ 50.Kg2=]

50.Rf2 Kc5

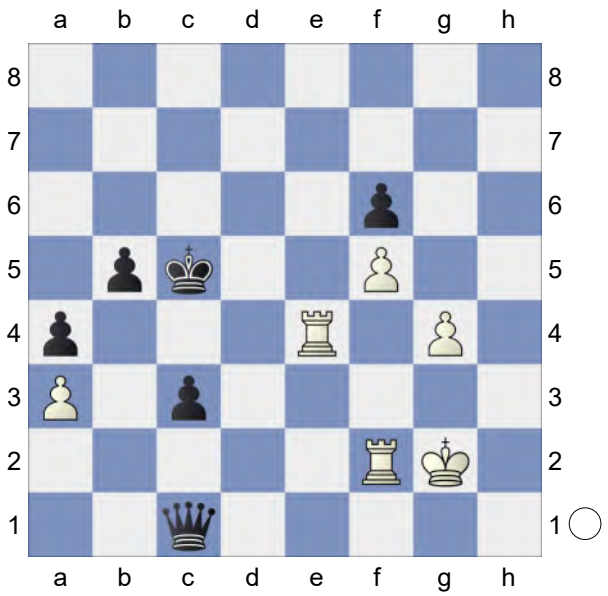


51.Rgf3? -4.95/19

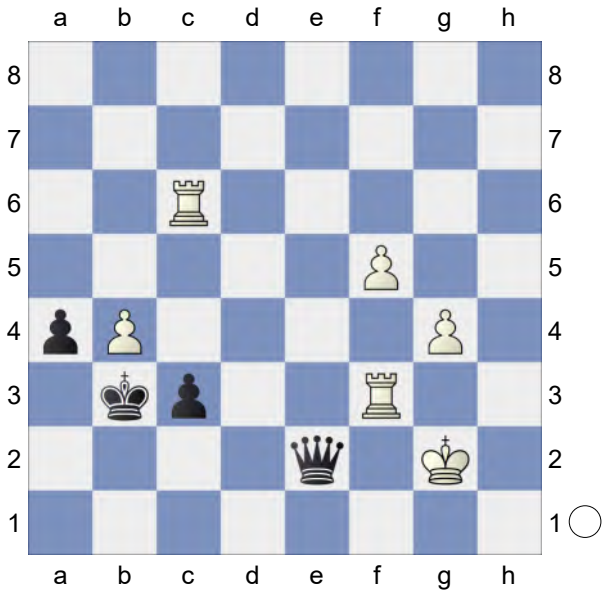
[51.Ra3 -2.83/17 keeps fighting.]

51...a5 52.Rf4 c3 53.Re4 a4 54.a3 Qh6+ 55.Kg2 Qc1

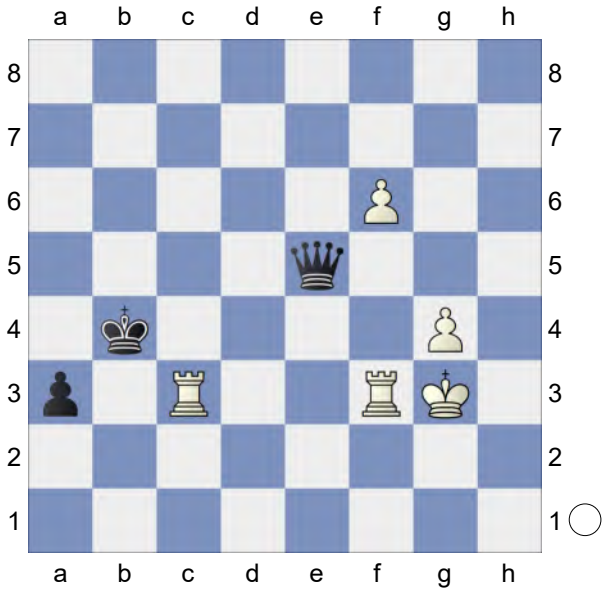
(Diagram)



56.Re6 Kc4? 0.00/21
[56...Qxa3-+ -4.47/19 57.g5 Qc1 *(57...fxg5 58.f6=)* 58.gxf6 Qg5+ 59.Kf1 Qh5]
57.Rxf6= b4 58.Rc6+ Kb3 59.axb4 Qe3 60.Rf3
[60.Re6 Qg5 61.Rg6 Qd8 *(61...Qe3 62.b5=)*]
60...Qe2+
[60...Qd2+ 61.Kh3 Kxb4 62.f6+-]

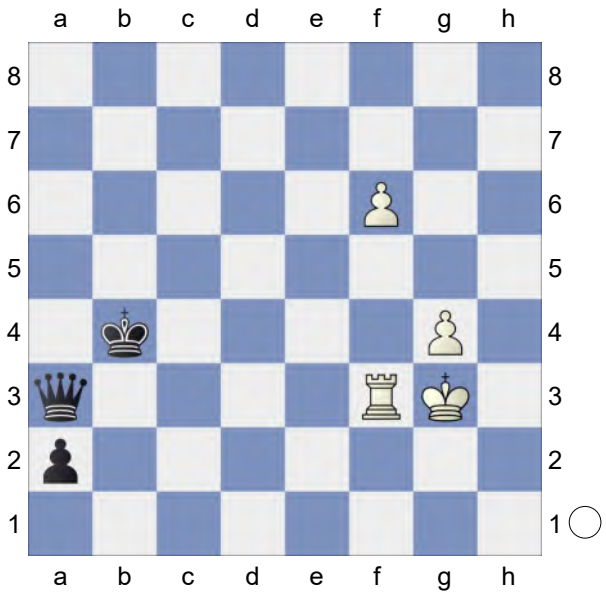


61.Kg3 Qe5+
[61...Kxb4?! 62.Rcxc3 *(62.Rfxc3 Qe1+ 63.Kf4 Qd2+ 64.Kg3 Qe1+ 65.Kf4 Qd2+ 66.Ke5 Qe2+ 67.Kf4 Qd2+=)* 62...Qe5+ 63.Kg2±]
62.Kg2 a3? 4.66/27
[62...Kxb4? 63.Rcxc3 Qd4 64.f6 Qxg4+ 65.Kf1+-]
[62...Qe2+= 0.00/20 63.Kg3 Qe1+ *(63...Kxb4? 64.Rcxc3 Qe1+ 65.Kf4+-)* 64.Kg2 Qe2+ *(64...Kxb4 65.Rfxc3 a3 66.Rc1=; 64...Qd2+? 65.Kh3+-)*]
63.Rcxc3++- Kxb4 64.f6
[Not 64.Rxa3 Qb2+ 65.Kh1 Qc1+ 66.Kg2 Qb2+ 67.Kh1 Qb1+ 68.Kg2 Qb2+=]
64...Qe2+? 6.90/28
[64...a2 3.79/19 65.f7 Qg7]
65.Kg3? 0.00/25
[65.Kh3+- 6.90/28 Qd1 66.Rxa3 Qh1+ 67.Kg3 Qe1+ 68.Kg2]
65...Qe5+? 3.71/24
[65...Qe1+= 0.00/25 and Black is okay. 66.Kg2 a2]



66.Kg2! f7 is the strong threat. **66...a2**
67.Ra3? 0.00/30
[67.f7+- 3.32/26 Qg7 68.f8Q+ *(68.f8R Qxg4+ 69.Kh2 Qh5+*

70.Kg2 Qg4+ 71.Kf2 Qxf3+ 72.Rcxf3 a1Q=; 68.Rb3+ Kc5+-)
68...Qxf8 69.Rxf8]
67...Qb2+ The position is equal. **68.Kg3 Qe5+ 69.Kg2 Qb2+ 70.Kg3 Qxa3**



71.Rxa3 Kxa3= KPP-KP. White is a pawn up. **72.f7 a1Q 73.f8Q+**
[73.f8B+ Kb3 74.Bh6 Qe1+ 75.Kg2 Qe6 76.g5 Qe3 77.Bf8 Qxg5+ 78.Kf3 Qf5+ 79.Ke3 Qxf8 80.Ke4 Qf6 81.Ke3 Kc3 82.Ke4 Qg5 83.Kf3 Kd3 84.Kf2 Qg4 85.Kf1 Ke3 86.Ke1 Qg1#]
73...Kb3 74.Qf7+ Kb4 75.Qe7+ Kc4

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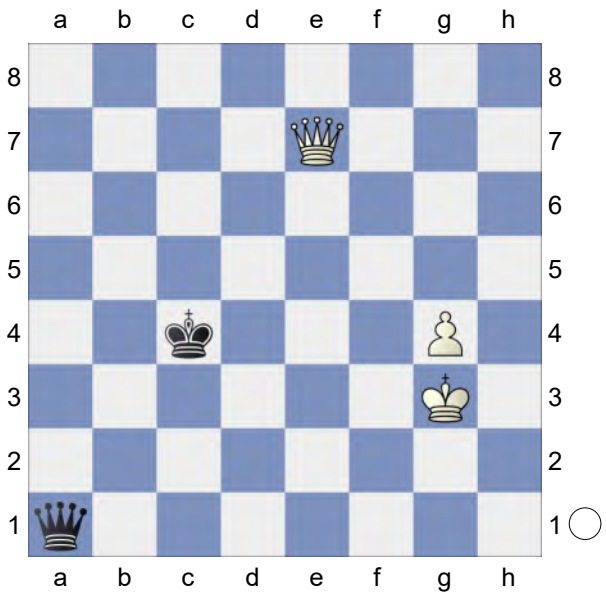
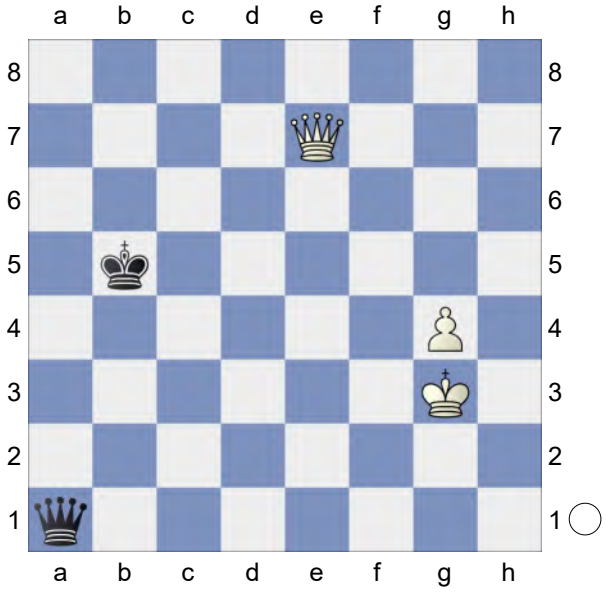


76.Qe6+ Kb5 77.Qd7+ Kc5 78.Qe7+ White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.55
78...Kb5



Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
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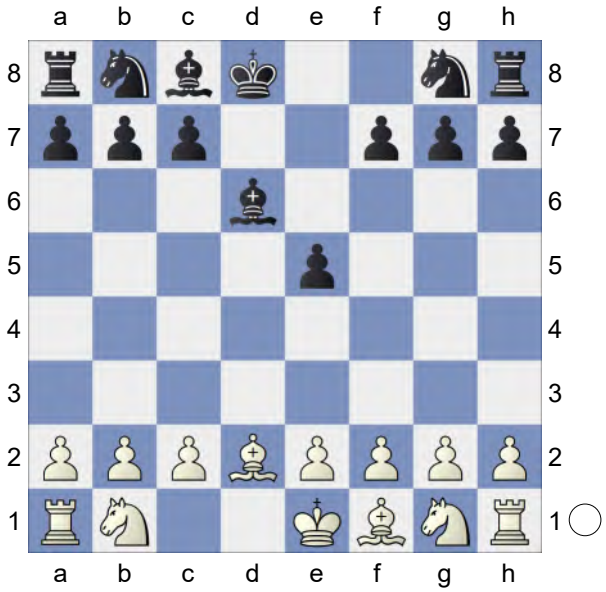
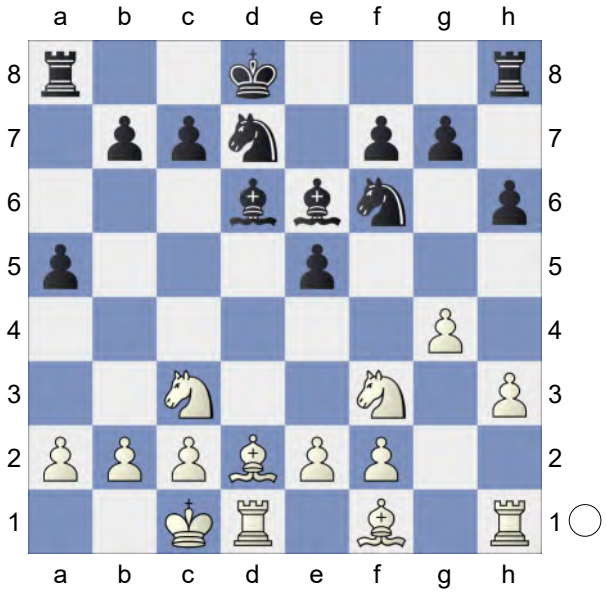
45 **A00**
□ **Nikitosikbot** **2949**
■ **Leela8-Test** **2607**
Rapid 08.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

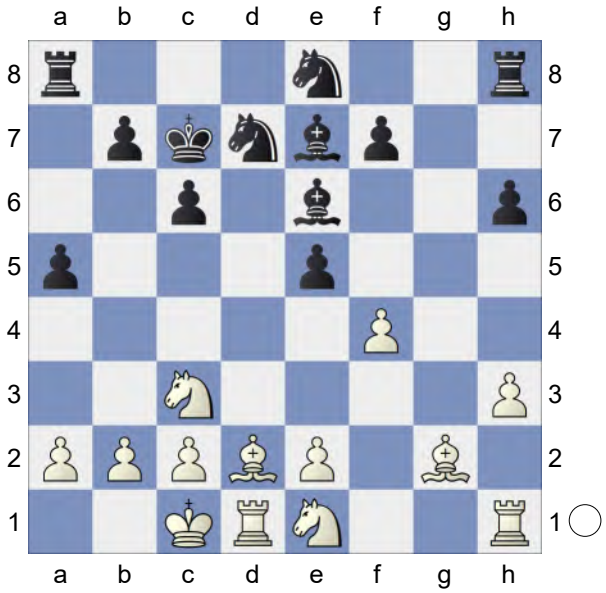
A00: Irregular Openings
1.d3 d6 2.d4 e5 3.dxe5 dxe5 4.Qxd8+ Kxd8 5.Bd2 Bd6



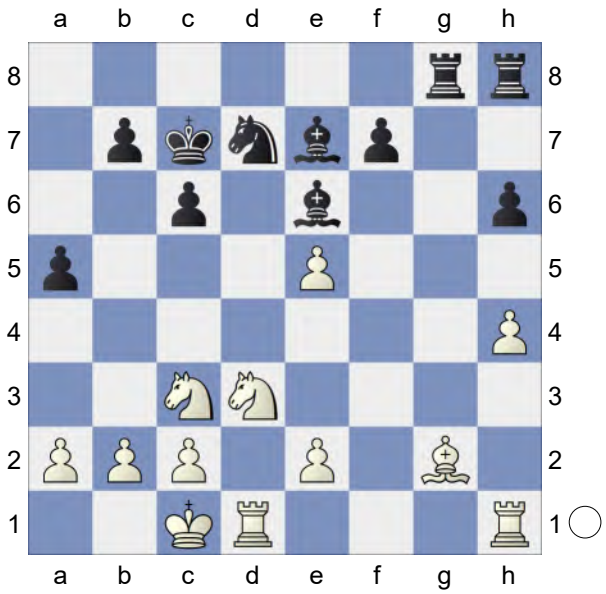
6.Nc3 Nf6 7.h3 Be6 8.g4 The position is equal. **8...Nbd7 9.0-0-0 a5 10.Nf3 h6**



Dodges Ng5 **11.g5 Ne8 12.Bg2 Be7 13.Ne1 c6 14.gxh6 gxh6 15.f4 Kc7**



16.Nd3 Nd6 17.fxe5 Nc4 18.h4 Nxd2 19.Kxd2 Rad8 20.Kc1 Rdg8



21.Bf3 Rg7 22.Bh5 Nc5 23.Rdf1 b5 24.Rf4 Rhg8 25.b3 Kb6

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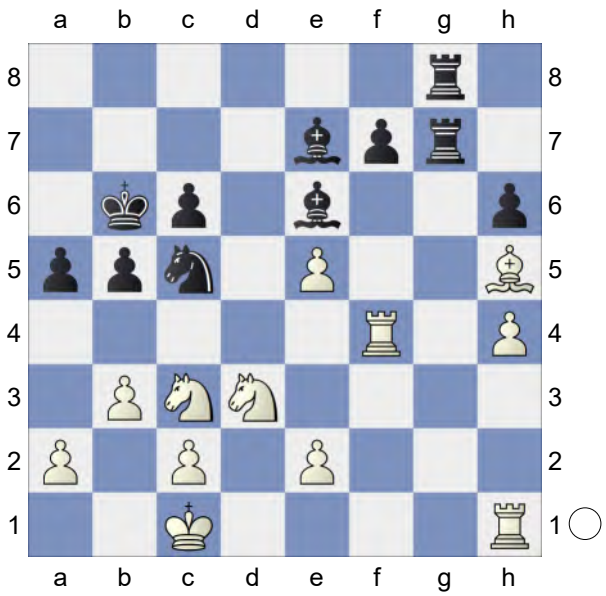
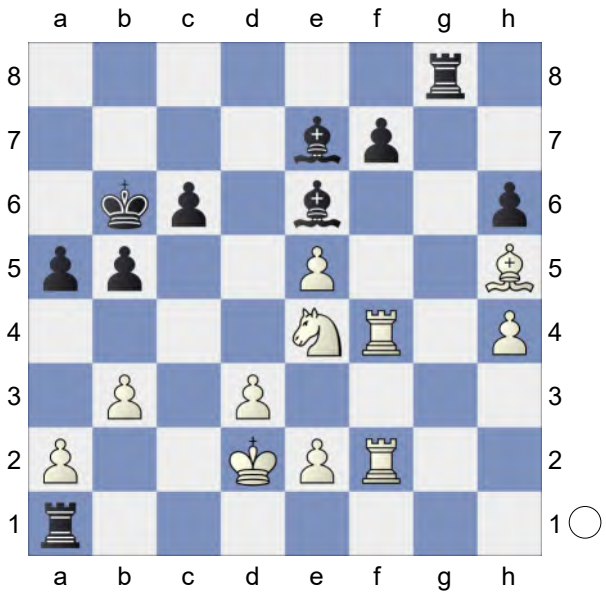


26.Rhf1 Bh3 27.R1f2 Be6 28.Kd2 Rg1 29.Ne4 Nxd3 30.cxd3 Ra1



31.Bxf7 Bxf7
[31...Rxa2+ 32.Ke3 Bxf7 33.Rxf7 Bxh4 34.R2f4]
32.Rxf7 Bxh4 33.R2f5 Bg5+ 2.40/22
[33...a4± 1.25/22]

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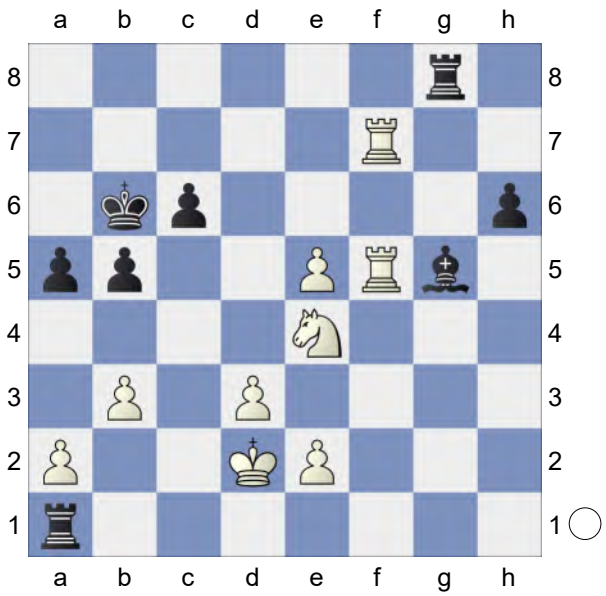
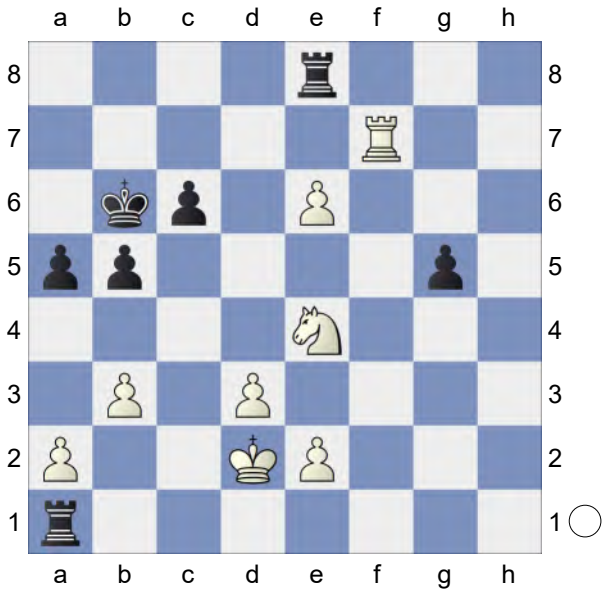


34.Rxg5!+- hxg5 Endgame KRR-KRN
[34...Rxa2+ 35.Ke3]
35.e6! Re8
[35...Rxa2+ 36.Ke3]



36.e7 Rxa2+ 37.Ke3 a4 38.b4 Nd6! would now be deadly.
[38.Nxg5? axb3 39.Ne4 b2-+]
38...a3? 4.71/32
[38...Rc2 1.74/22 39.Nd6 *(39.Nxg5? a3-+)* 39...Rxe7+ 40.Rxe7 c5]
39.Nd6!
[39.Nxg5? Rc2 *(39...Rb2?*

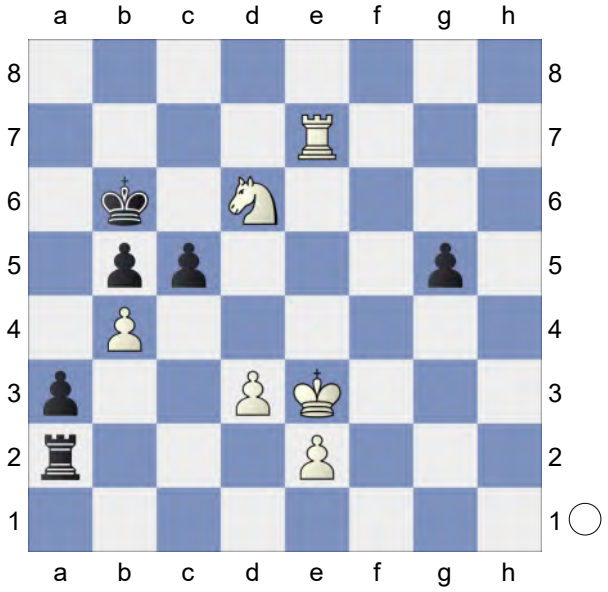
40.Rf1-+) 40.Rf1 a2-+ *(40...Rxe7+? 41.Kf3-+)*]

This move loses the game for Black.

39...Rxe7+ 4.40/19 **40.Rxe7±**

White wants to mate with Nc8+. KRN-KR

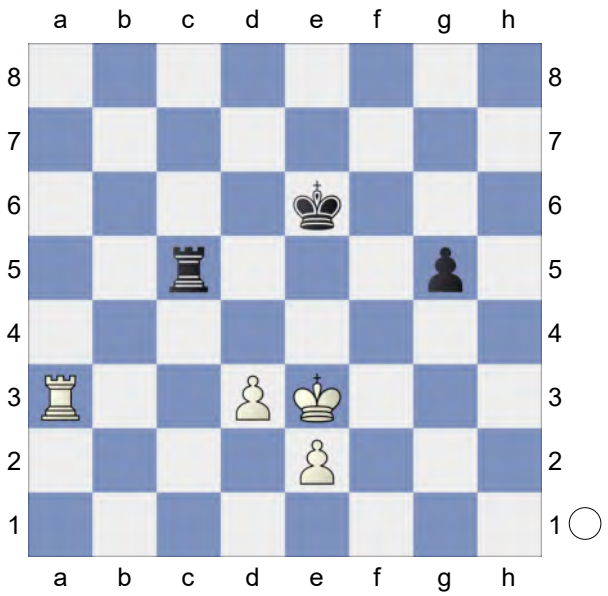
40...c5



41.Rb7+ Kc6 42.bxc5 Rc2 43.Rxb5 Rxc5 44.Rb3

[Not 44.Rxc5+? Kxc5 45.Ne4+ Kb4 46.Nxg5 *(46.Nf6? a2-+)* 46...a2-+]

44...Kxd6 45.Rxa3+- KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **45...Ke6**



46.d4 Rf5 47.Ra1 Wards off Rf1

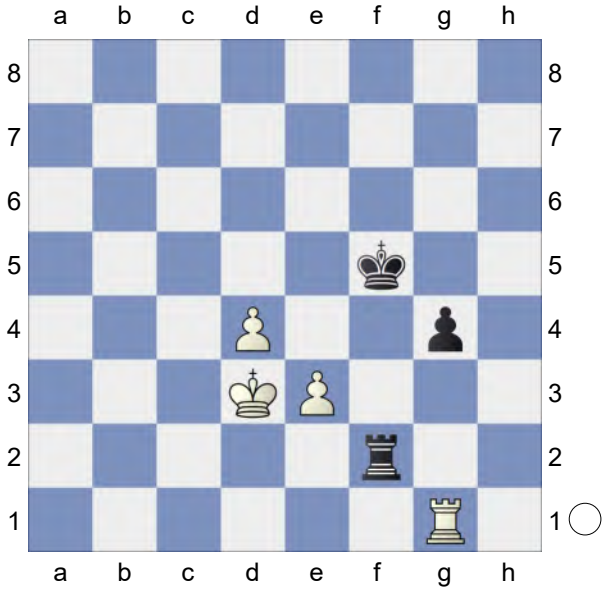
47...Rf8? 5.23/24

[47...Kf6 3.14/24 48.Rg1 Rb5]

48.Kd3 g4 5.31/24

[48...Rh8 3.37/22 is a better defense. 49.e3 Kf7]

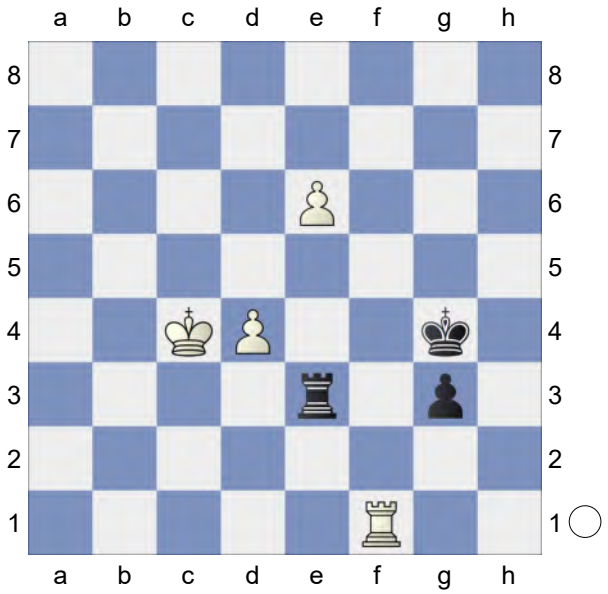
49.e3 White is clearly winning. **49...Rf2 50.Rg1 Kf5**



51.e4+! Kf4 52.e5 g3 7.88/24

[⌓52...Kf5 4.61/18 53.Kc4 Rc2+ 54.Kd5 Rc8]

53.e6 Rf3+ 54.Kc4 Re3 55.Rf1+ Kg4



56.d5 g2 57.Rg1 Kf3

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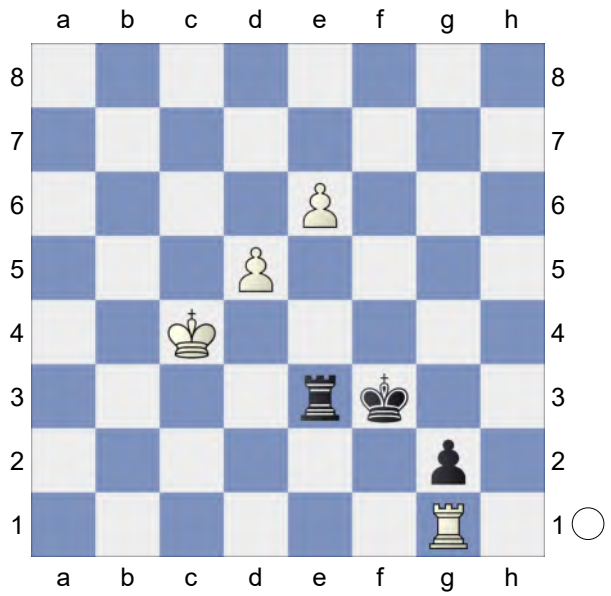
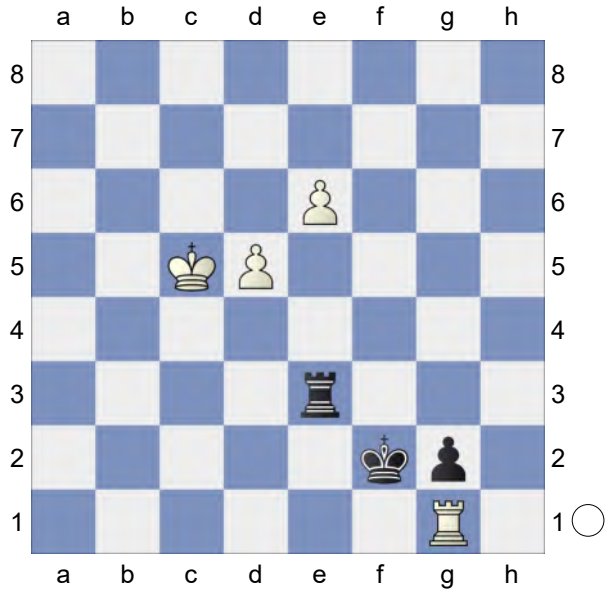


58.Kc5! Kf2



59.Rxg2+!! Kxg2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.42

60.Kd6

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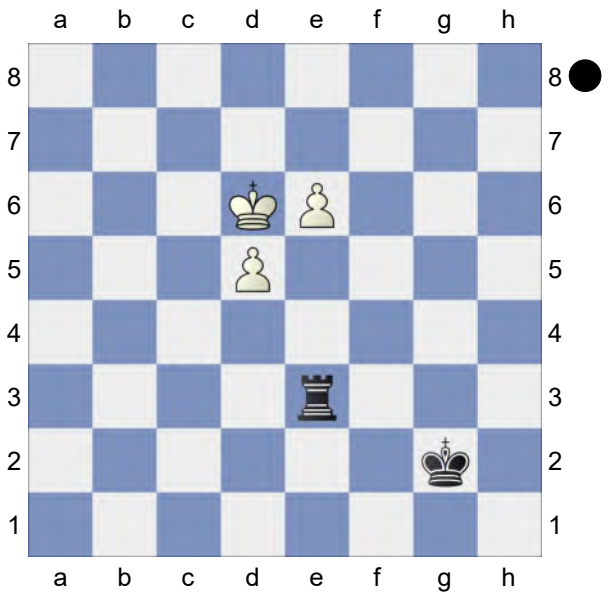

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46 **A40**

□ **AngelitoRT** **2833**

■ **Oslopov_Oleg** **2586**

Blitz 19.02.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C46: 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Nc3**

[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6

10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4...Bg4 5.e4N

[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.e4 *(6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6* 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)*)* 6...Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxd6 a4 18.Qc4 Rfc8 19.Bf4 Qb7 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]

[5.Bg5 Qd7 6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]

5...dxe5

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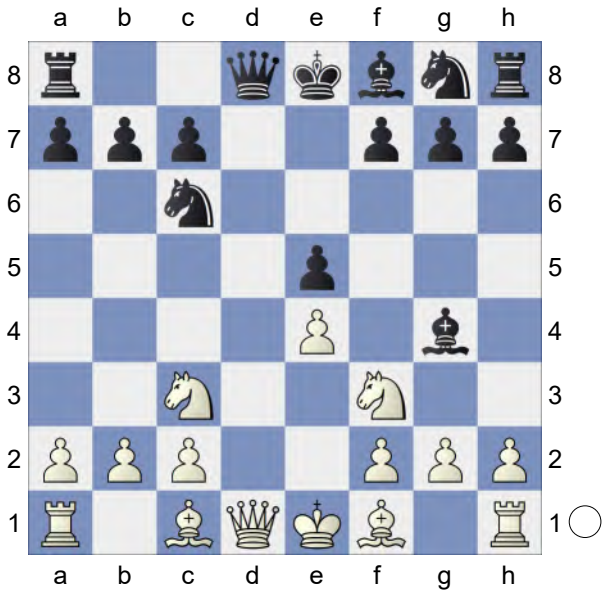
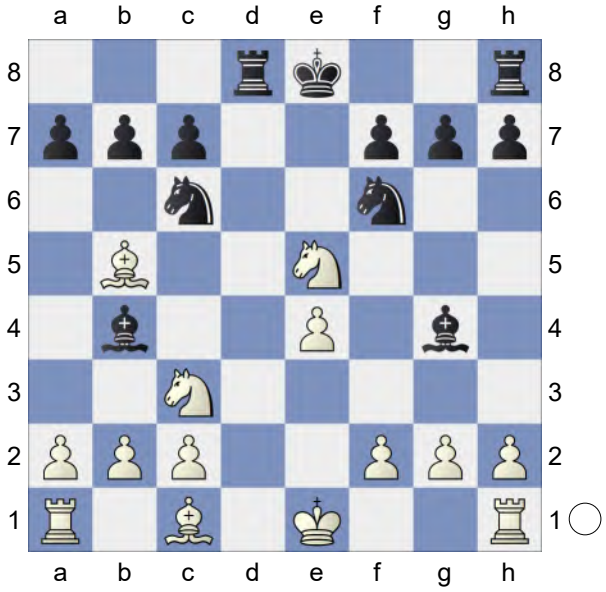


6.Qxd8+ Rxd8 7.Bb5 Nf6? 3.03/21

[Black should try 7...Bxf3± 0.39/22 8.Bxc6+ *(8.gxf3 Nge7=)* 8...bxc6 9.gxf3 Nf6]

8.Nxe5 White has a decisive advantage.

8...Bb4



9.Nxg4

[9.Nxc6? Rd1#]

9...Nxg4 10.f3 Nge5

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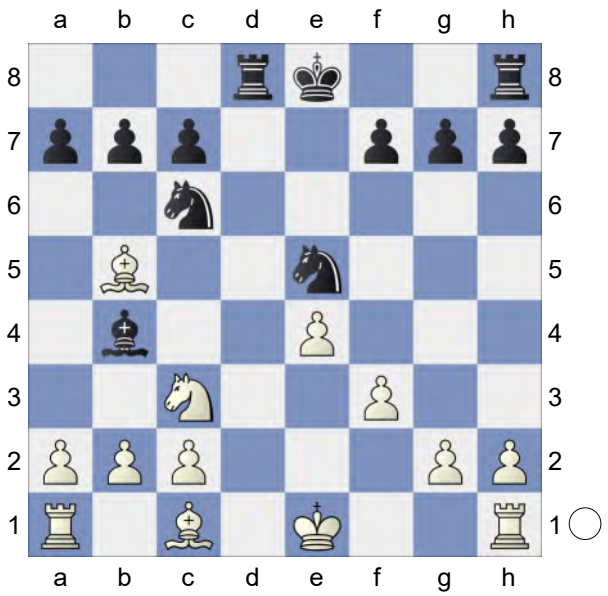
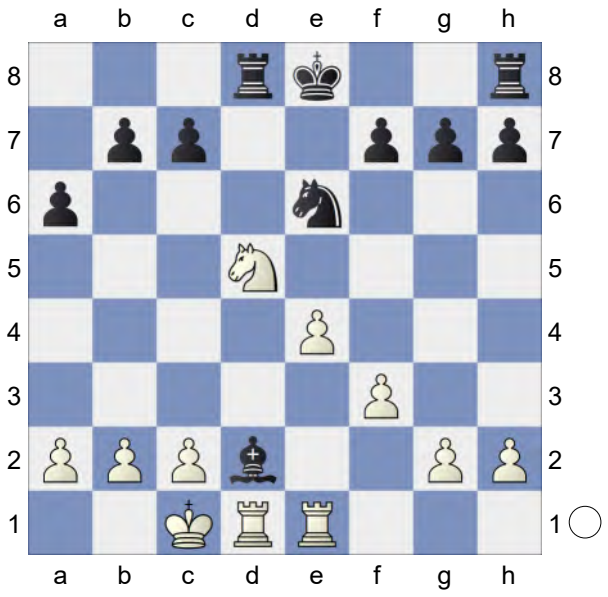


11.Bd2 a6 12.Bxc6+ Nxc6 13.0-0-0 Nd4 2.79/22
[⌓13...Bd6 1.72/18 14.Nd5 f6]
14.Rhe1 Ne6 15.Nd5 Bxd2+



16.Rxd2 c6 17.Nb6 Ke7 2.85/19
[⌓17...Rxd2 2.00/21 18.Kxd2 Kd8]
18.Red1+- Rxd2 19.Rxd2 Rd8 20.Rxd8 Kxd8

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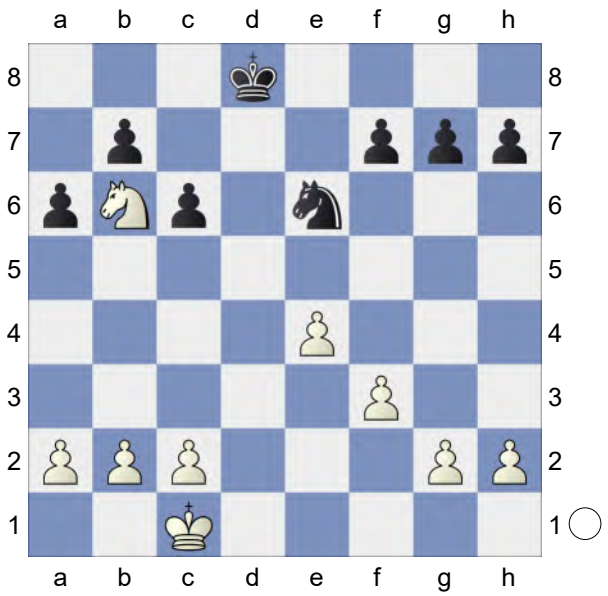
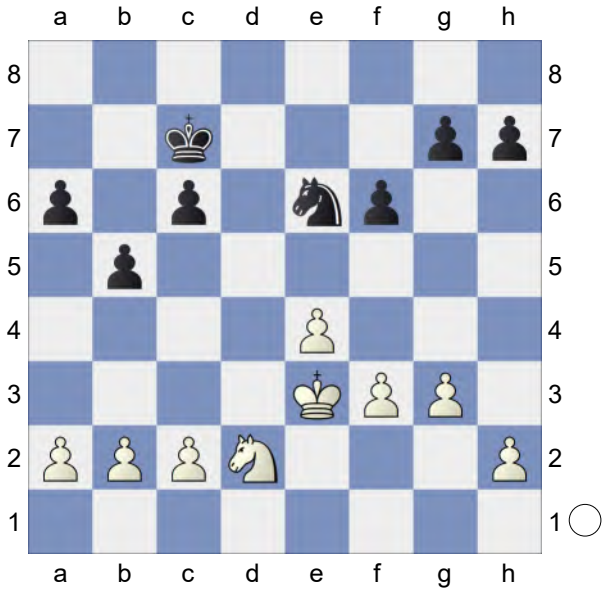


Endgame KN-KN. White is a pawn up.
21.Kd2 Kc7 22.Nc4 Nf4 23.g3 Ne6 24.Ke3 Repels Nd4 **24...b5 25.Nd2 f6**



26.f4 c5 27.Nf3 Kd6 28.c3 Nc7 29.h4 b4? 5.70/19
[29...Na8 2.80/20 is a better defense. 30.h5 Nb6]

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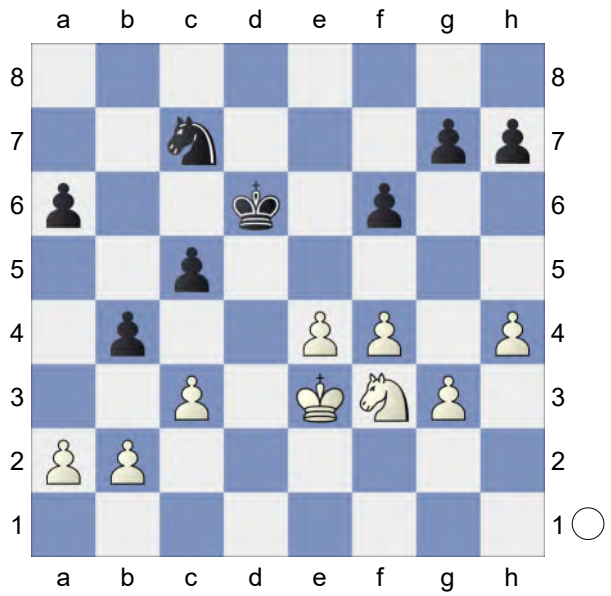
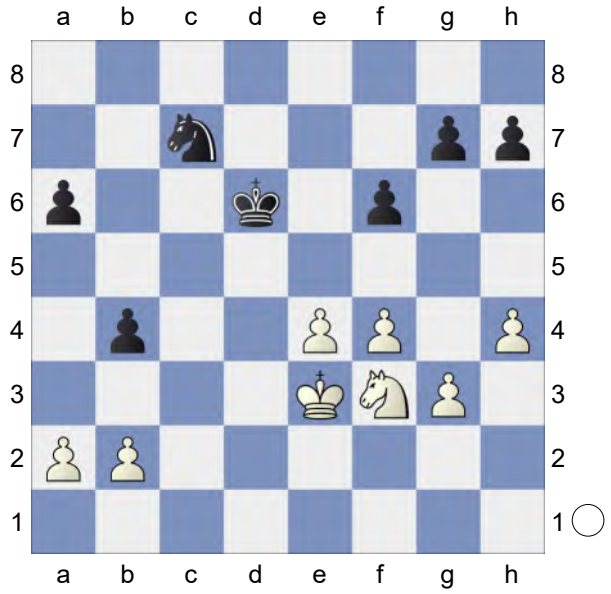


30.cxb4 White is clearly winning.
30...cxb4



31.Kd4 Nb5+ Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.53
32.Kc4

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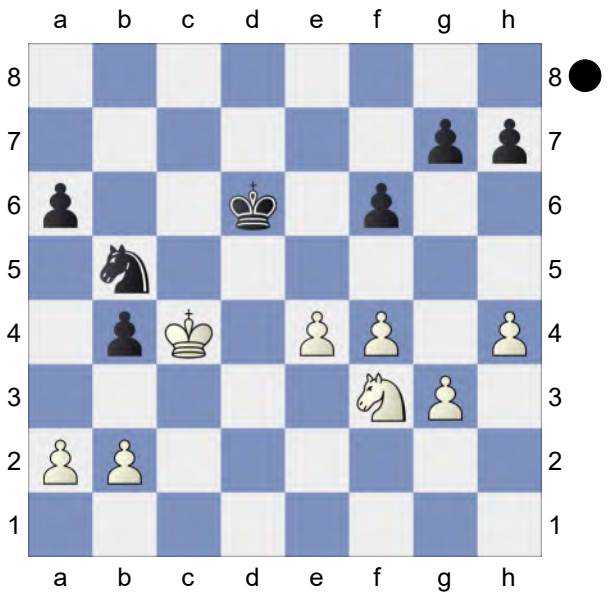

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47 **A40**
□ **Heydarova** **2826**
■ **Baikal2004** **2627**
Blitz 22.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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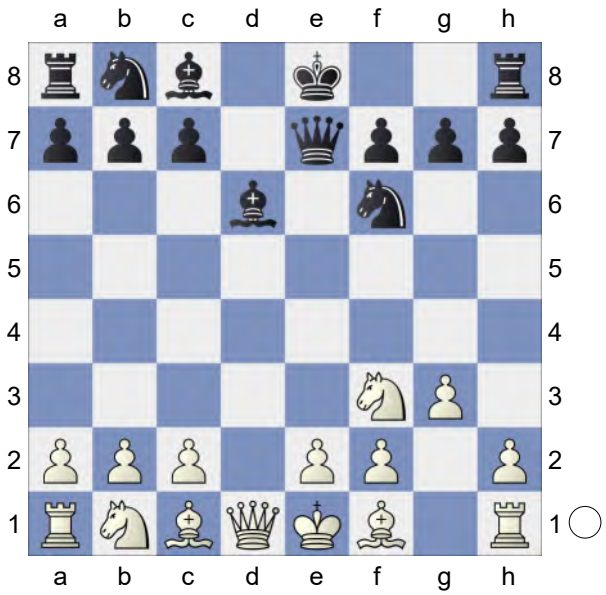
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6**
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
3...Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.g3 Qe7N
[5...Nc6 6.Bg2 Bf5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.c3 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 g5 11.0-0 h5 12.Qa4 h4 13.e4 Bd7 14.e5 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Nf3 Qf6

17.Rad1 hxg3 18.fxg3 Qh6 19.b4 Kb8 20.b5 0-1 (39) Herbrig,A (2325)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (8)]



6.Bg2 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.Nb5? -0.66/21
[8.Nd4± 1.03/19 Nxd4 9.Qxd4]
8...0-0-0!∓ 9.Bd2? -2.42/22
[9.c3!= 0.12/19]
9...Rhe8 -1.29/19
[9...Bc5-+ -2.42/22 10.Nc3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Ne5]
10.0-0∓

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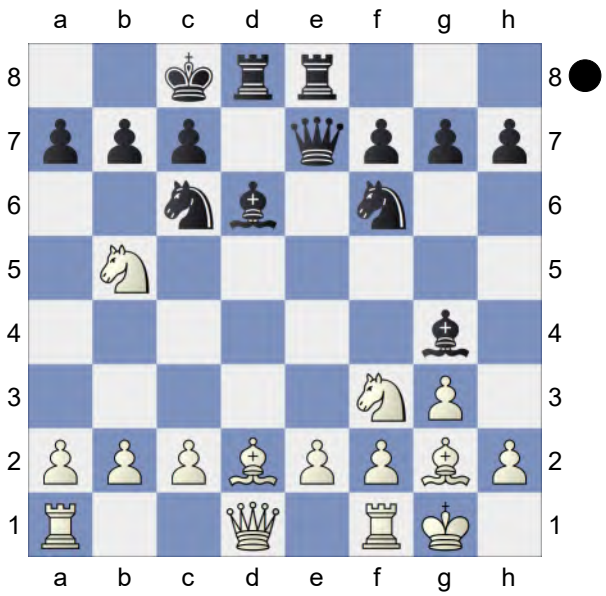
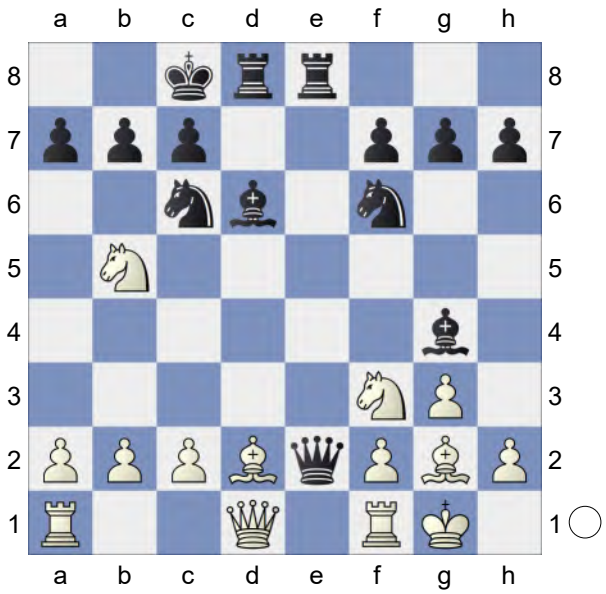


Qxe2 -0.15/25
[10...Ne4!∓ -1.05/21 11.Be3 Bc5 *(11...Bxg3 12.Qc1∓)*]



11.Nxd6+= Rxd6 12.Qxe2 Rxe2
White is weak on the light squares
13.Bf4 -0.86/22
[13.Bc3!= -0.26/22 keeps the balance.]
13...Rd8∓ 14.Rac1 -0.93/20
[14.Ne1∓ -0.54/22]
14...Nb4 0.00/19 Black is much more active.

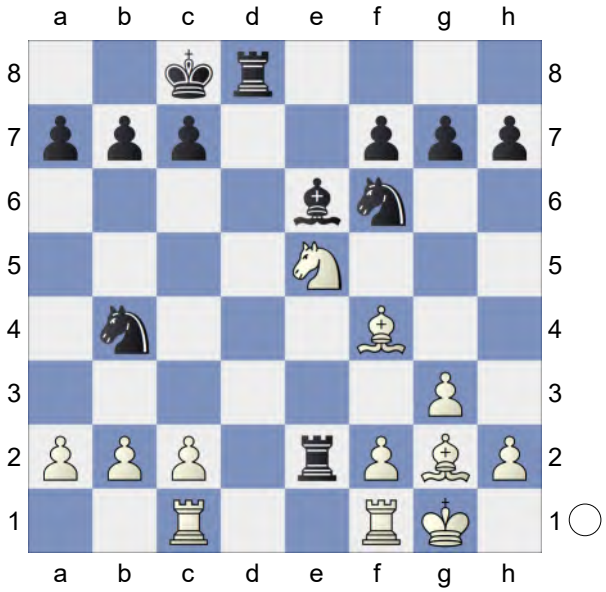
[14...Nd5∓ -0.93/20 Threatens to win with ...Nxf4. 15.Rfe1 *(15.Bg5 f6∓)* 15...Rxe1+ 16.Rxe1 Nxf4 17.gxf4 Nb4]

15.Ne5 -0.66/21

[15.a3= 0.00/19 Nbd5 16.Bg5]

15...Be6∓

[15...Nxa2? 16.Nxg4 Nxc1 17.Rxc1+-]



16.a3 Nxc2 17.Bf3 -2.07/19 Prevents Nh5

[17.Nf3!= -0.24/20 and White is okay.]

17...Nd4!-+ 18.Nxf7 -3.98/20

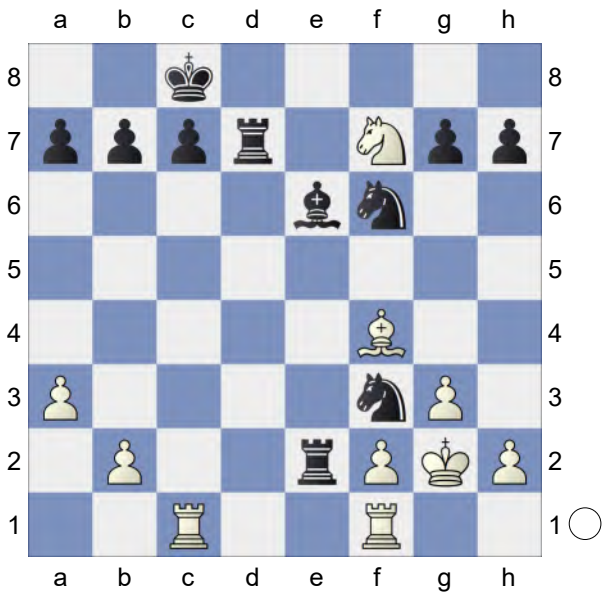
[18.Bxe2 -2.07/20 was necessary. Nxe2+ 19.Kg2 Nxc1 20.Bxc1]

18...Nxf3+ A dynamic duo of knights.

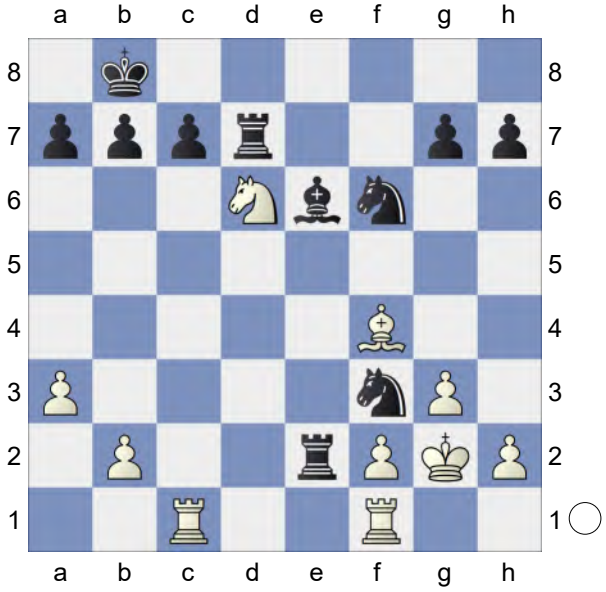
19.Kg2 Rd7

[19...Bxf7 20.Rxc7+ Kb8 21.Rd7+ Ne5 22.Rxd8+ Kc7 23.Rfd1=]

(Diagram)



20.Nd6+ Kb8



21.Nb5 Bd5 (-> ...Ng5+)

[And not 21...Rxb2 22.Nxc7±]

22.Nxc7 Ne5+ 23.Kh3 -4.75/21

[23.Nxd5 -3.31/19 is the only way for White. Nxd5 24.Bxe5+ Rxe5 25.Rfe1 Rxe1 26.Rxe1]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.30

23...Rxc7

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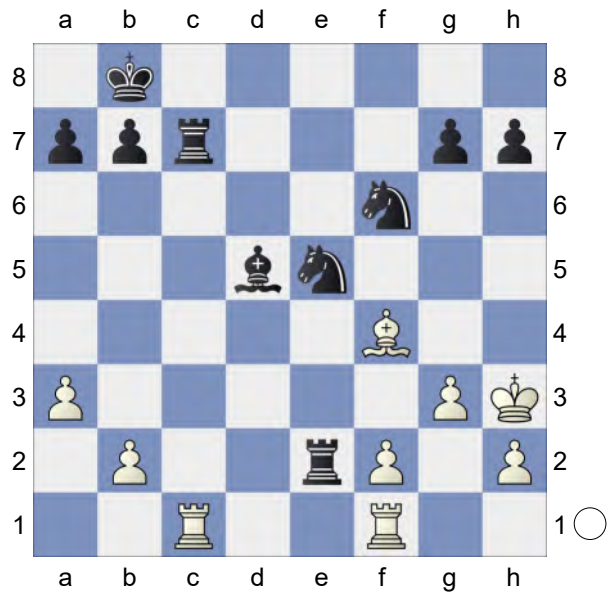

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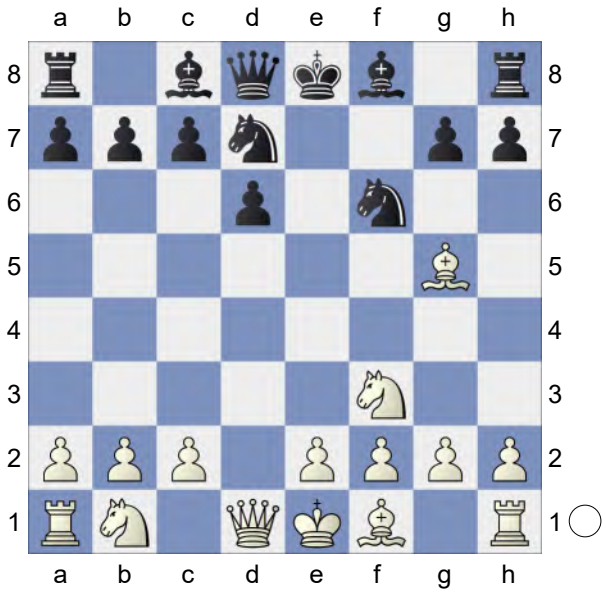
48 **A40**
□ **FireFishBOT_v2** **2897**
■ **WejBek** **2600**
Blitz 31.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nd7N
[3...Nc6
A) 4.Bg5 Qd7 *(4...Be7 5.Bxe7 Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rd1* 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998) 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024;
B) 4.Bf4 f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]
[3...Bg4 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999]
4.Bg5 f6 5.exf6 Ngxf6



6.c4 White is more active. **6...h6 7.Bd2 Qe7 8.e3** White is clearly better. **8...Nc5** Against Bd3 **9.b4 Nce4 10.Bd3 Bg4**

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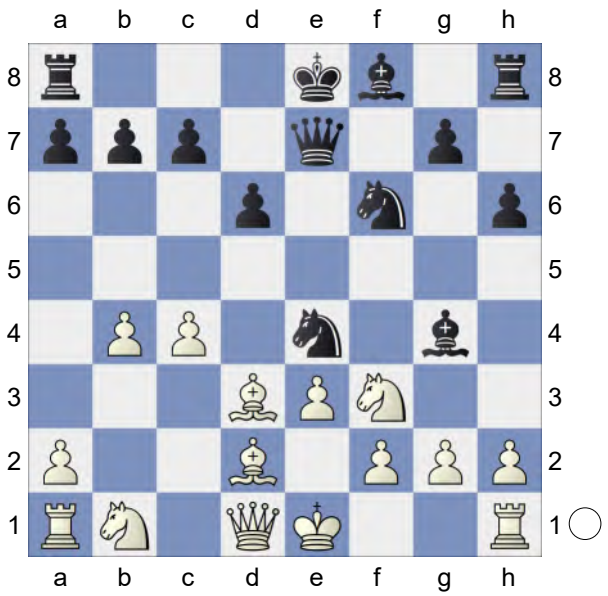
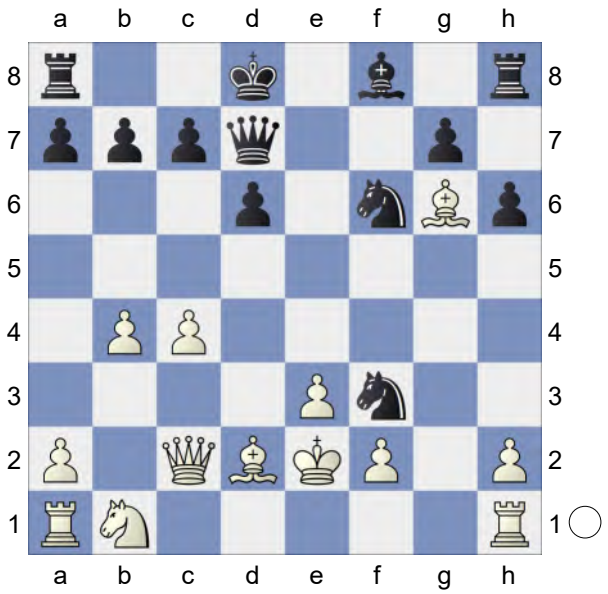


11.Qa4+ Qd7 2.04/20
[11...Bd7± 1.50/18 12.Qc2 0-0-0]
12.Qc2+- Bxf3 13.gxf3 Ng5 14.Ke2 Nxf3 15.Bg6+ Kd8



16.Bf5 Qc6

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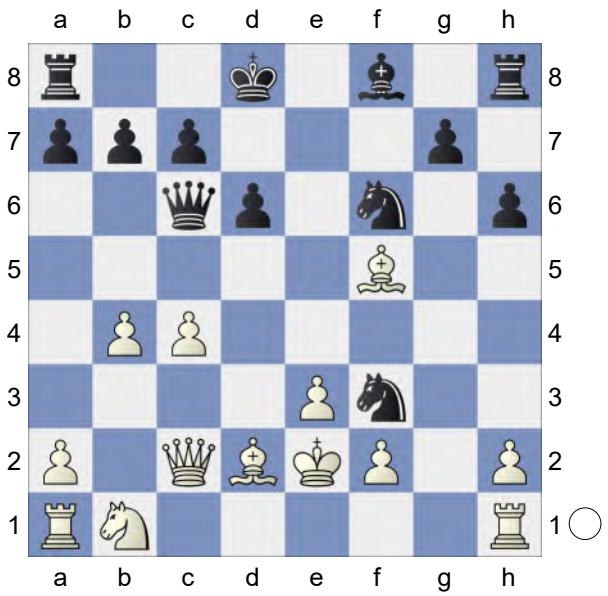
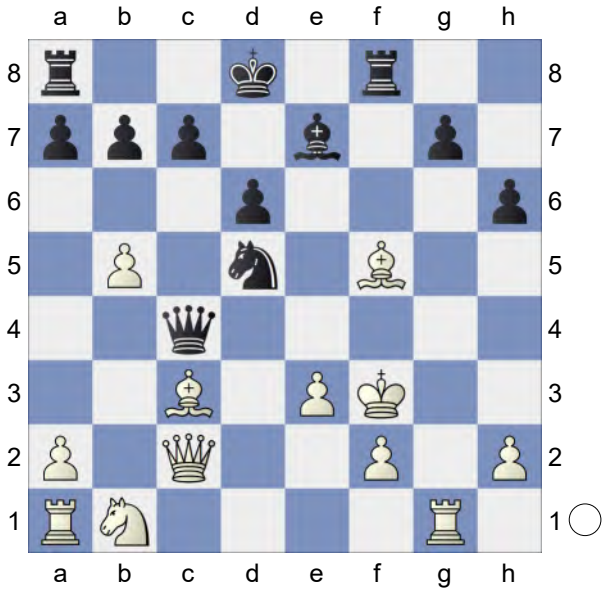
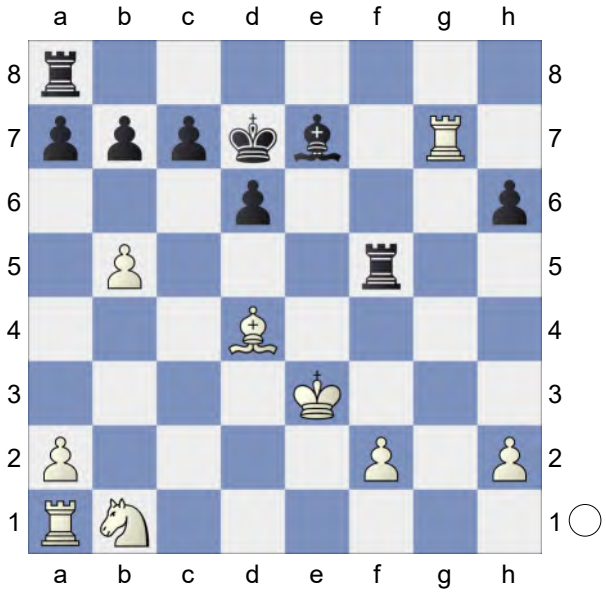


17.Bc3! Be7
[17...Qxc4+? 18.Kxf3 Qc6+ 19.e4+-]
18.b5↑ Black is under strong pressure.
18...Qxc4+ 2.76/19
[18...Nd4+± 1.57/19 19.Bxd4 Qxh1]
19.Kxf3 Hoping for Bxf6. **19...Rf8** and ...Qd5+ should not be overlooked
20.Rg1 Nd5



21.Qe4
[21.Rxg7?! Qf1+-]
21...Nxe3 22.Kxe3
[22.fxe3 Qxb5 23.Kg2 Rxf5±]

22...Qc5+ 23.Bd4 Qxf5 24.Qxf5
[24.Bxg7? Qxf2+ 25.Kd3 Rf3+-+ *(25...Qxg1? 26.Bxf8 Bxf8 27.Qh4+ Be7 28.Qf4-+)*]
[24.Rxg7 Bg5+ 25.Rxg5 Qxg5+ 26.Kd3 Qxb5+ 27.Kc2 Qf5∓]
[24.Qxb7? Qxf2+ 25.Kd3 Rf3+ 26.Kc4 Qe2+ 27.Kb4 a5+ 28.bxa6 d5+ *(28...Rxa6 29.Qb8+ Kd7 30.Qb5+ Qxb5+ 31.Kxb5-+)* 29.Ka5 Rxa6+ 30.Qxa6 Bb4+ 31.Kxb4 Qxa6-+]
24...Rxf5 25.Rxg7
[Weaker is 25.Bxg7 a6 26.b6 *(26.Bxh6 Kd7+-)* 26...Bg5+ 27.Kd3 Kd7 28.bxc7 Rxf2]
25...Kd7



26.Nc3 Raf8 27.Ke2
[Don't do 27.Bxa7 Re5+ 28.Kd2 b6+-]
27...R8f7 28.Rxf7 Rxf7 29.Rg1
[29.Bxa7 b6 30.Nd5 Bd8±]
29...a6 30.bxa6 bxa6

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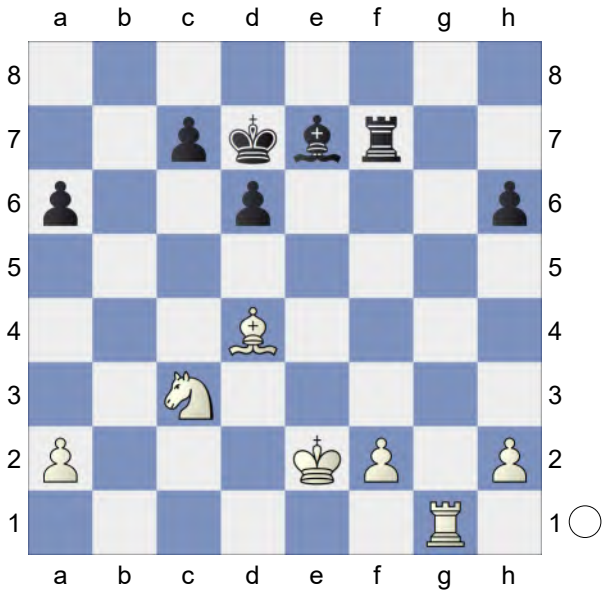
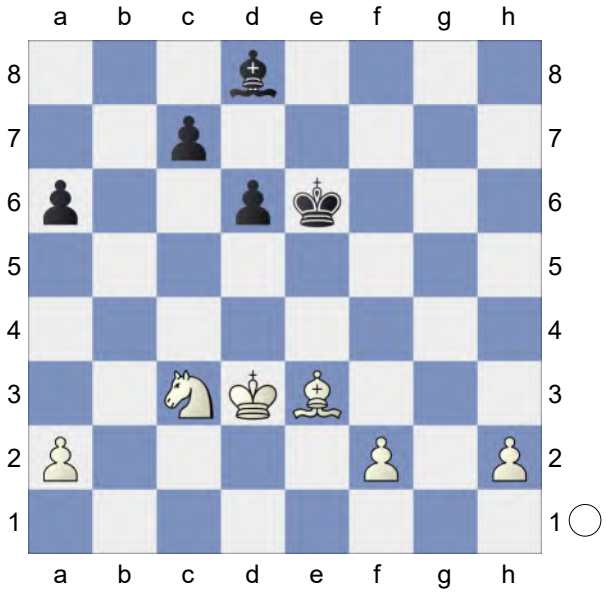


31.Rg7 Rxg7 32.Bxg7 Ke6 33.Bxh6 Bh4 34.Be3 Be7 35.Kd3 Bd8



36.Ne2 Bh4 37.f3 Kd5 38.Nf4+ Kc6 39.Ng6 Bf6 40.h4 Kd7

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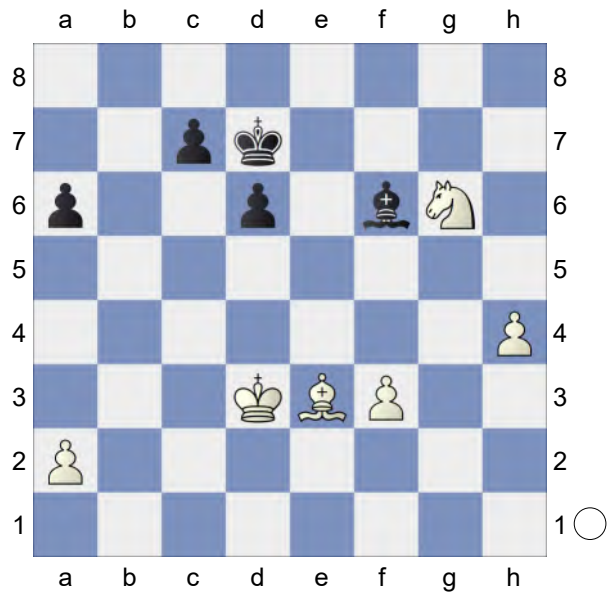
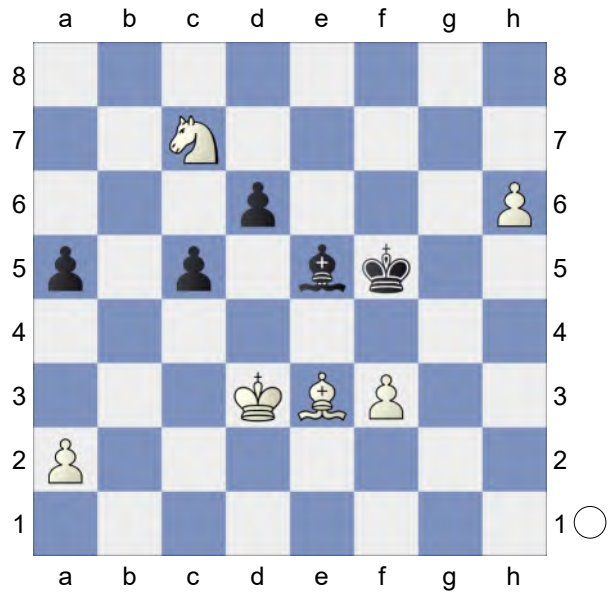


41.h5 Ke6 42.Nf4+ Kf5 43.h6 Be5 44.Nd5 c5 45.Nc7 a5



46.a4 Kg6 47.Nd5 Bb2 48.Bd2 Ba3 49.Bxa5 Bc1 50.Be1 Ba3

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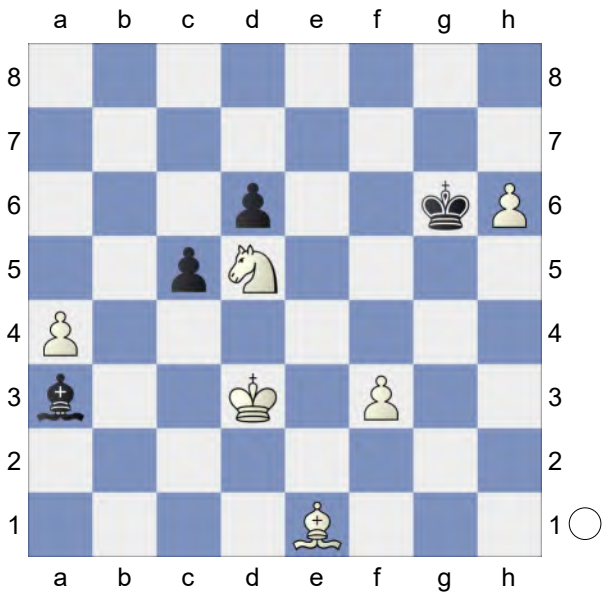
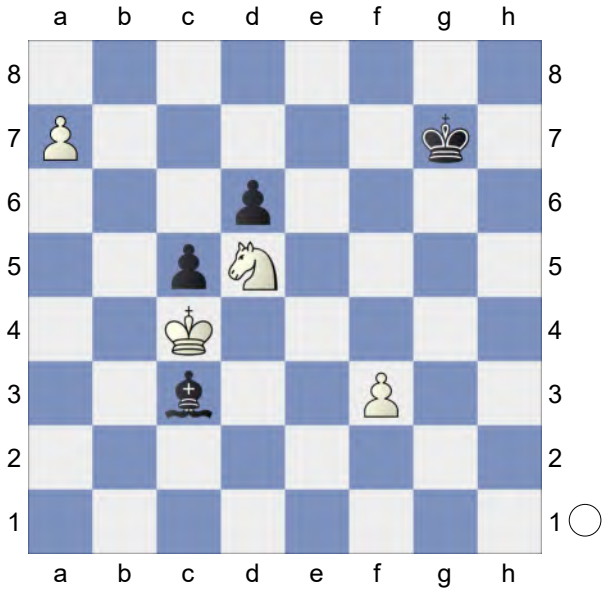


51.Kc4 Bb2 52.a5 Kxh6 53.a6 White mates. **53...Ba1 54.a7 Kg7 55.Bc3+ Bxc3**



56.Kxc3 c4 57.Kxc4 KN-KP **57...Kg6 58.a8Q Kg7 59.f4 Kf7 60.f5 Kg7**

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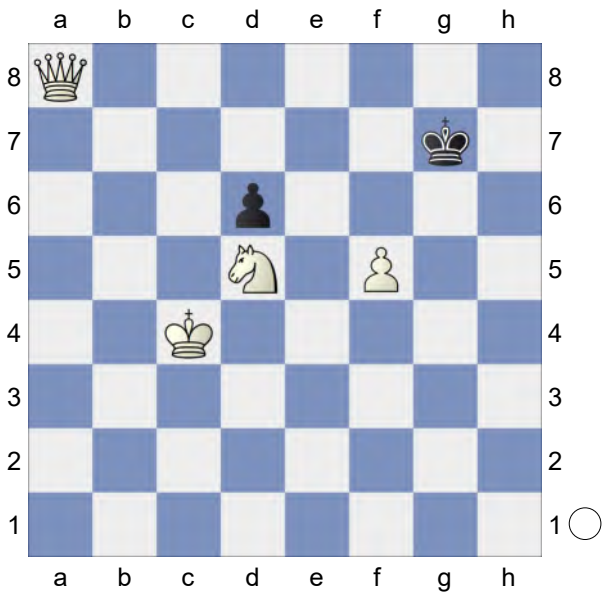
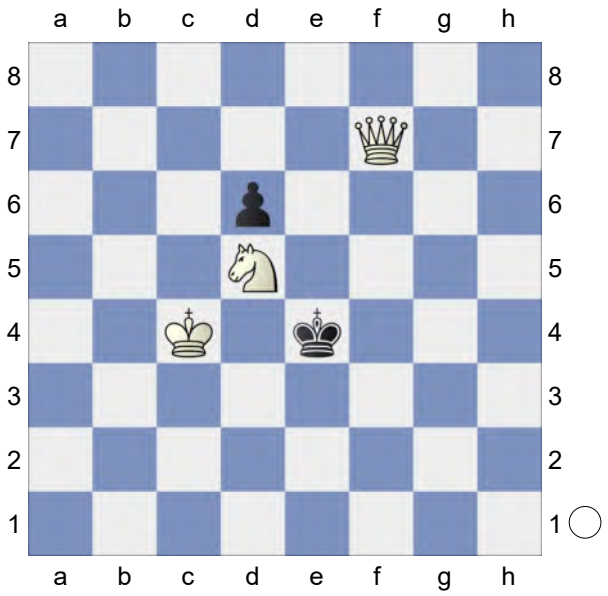


61.f6+ Kf7 62.Nf4 Kxf6 63.Qg8 Kf5 64.Nd5 Ke5 65.Qf7 Ke4



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66.Qf4#

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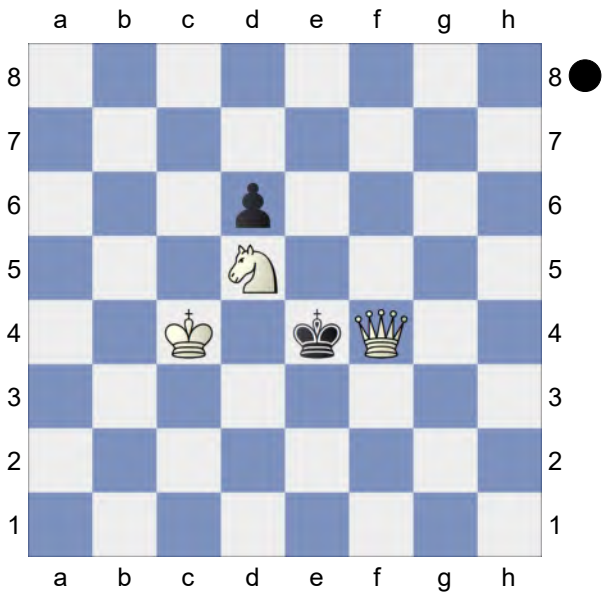

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49 **A40**

□ **fairchess03** **2852**

■ **PchelkinVK** **2679**

Blitz 28.05.2023

[Kitty Kat]

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1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bf4

[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4...Bg4N

[4...f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 19.Nxb7 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz

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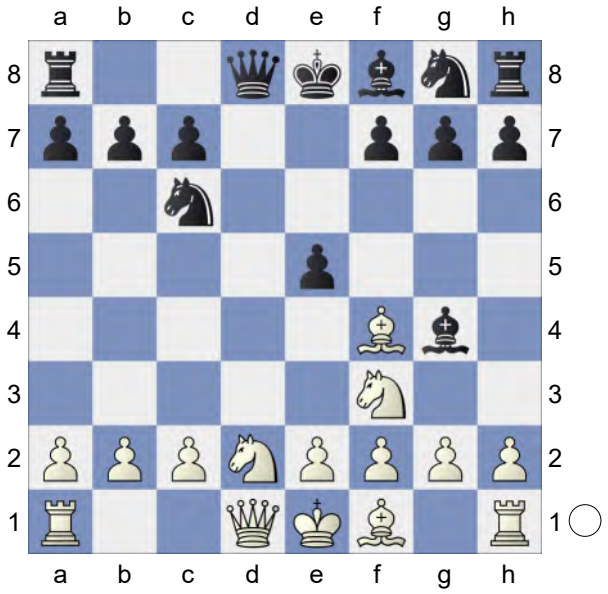
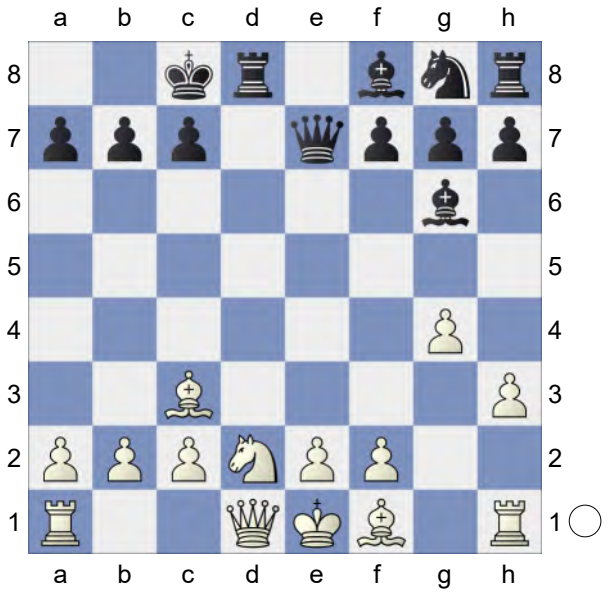
5.Nbd2 dxe5



6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.Bxe5 Qe7 8.Bc3 0.49/22

[8.Bd4± 0.90/19]

8...0-0-0± 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4! Bg6



11.Bg2 h5 12.e3 0.49/18

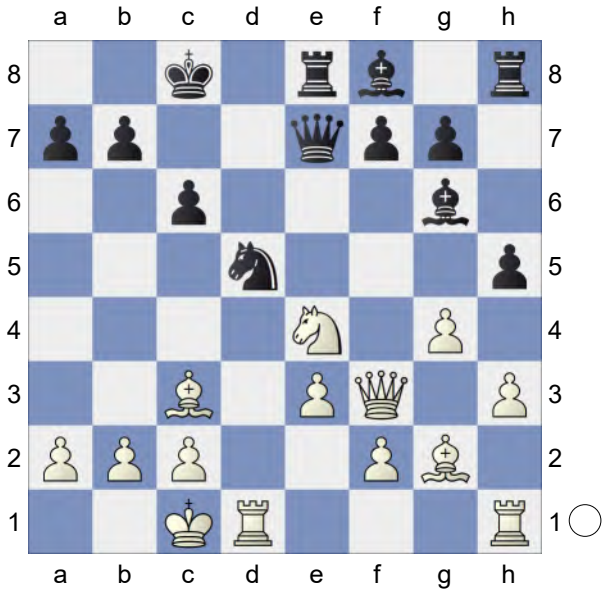
[12.e4± 0.87/21]

12...Nf6 13.Qf3↑ White has some pressure. **13...Nd5 14.0-0-0 c6 15.Ne4** -0.04/24

[15.Bd4± 0.73/17]

15...Re8 0.41/22

[15...hxg4= -0.04/24 16.Qxg4+ Rd7]



16.Rd4 0.03/20

[16.Rxd5± 0.41/22 cxd5 17.Nd2]

16...hxg4 0.84/23

[16...Bxe4= 0.03/20 17.Rxe4 *(17.Qxe4 Nxc3 18.Qf5+ Qe6±)* 17...Qxe4 18.Qxe4 Rxe4 19.Bxe4 Nxc3 20.bxc3 Ba3+ 21.Kd2 hxg4]

17.Qxg4+± Kb8 18.Rhd1 0.75/20

[18.Bd2 1.12/18]

18...Rh6 2.17/20

[18...Qh4± 0.75/20]

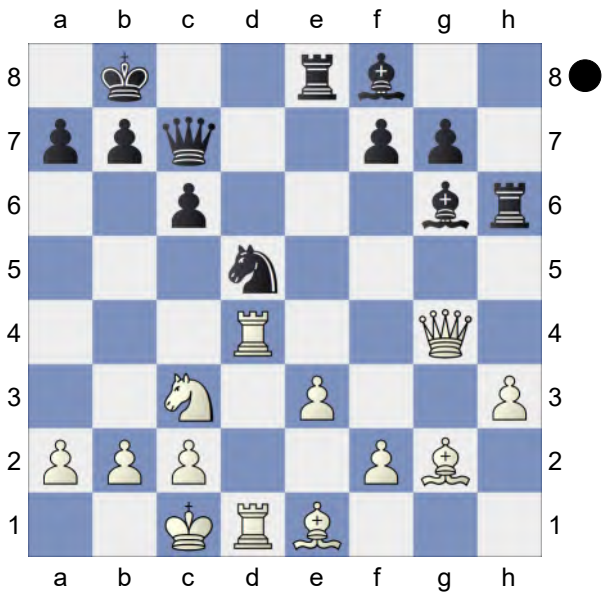
19.Be1? 0.58/20

[19.Rxd5+- 2.17/20 cxd5 20.Rxd5 Bxe4 21.Be5+ Ka8 22.Qxe4 *(22.Bxe4 Re6±)*]

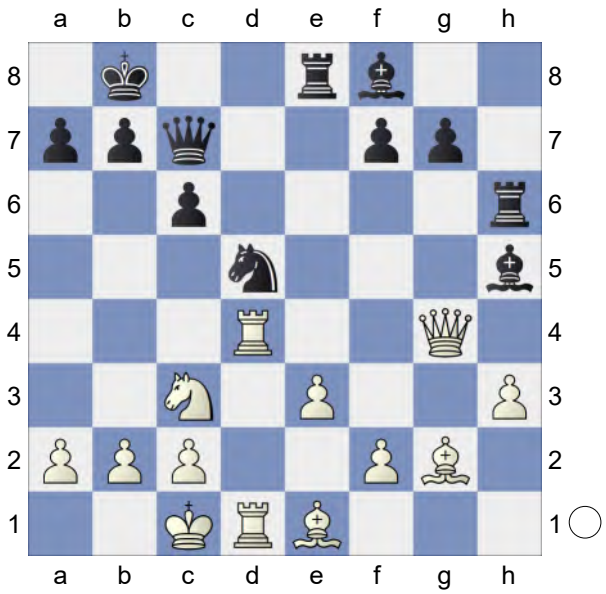
19...Qc7 20.Nc3 -0.81/21

[20.Qe2± 0.67/20 keeps the upper hand.]

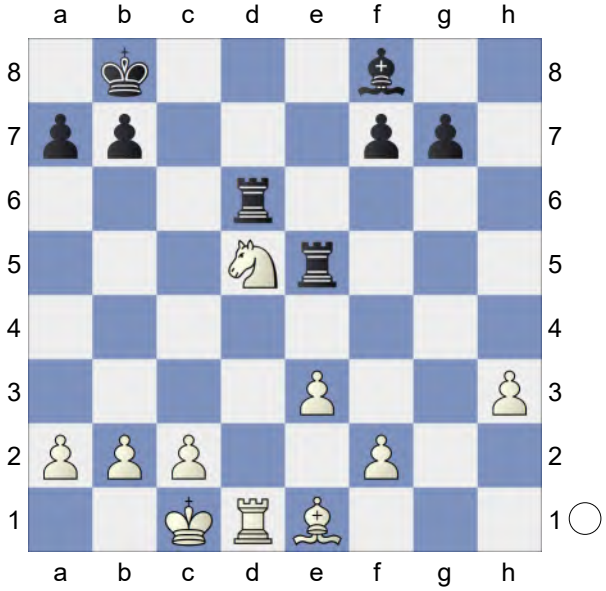
(Diagram)



20...Bh5 -0.34/21
[20...Nxc3!∓ -0.81/21 21.Bxc3 Bh5]



Black is more active. **21.Qf5** -0.81/21
Bxd1 0.18/18
[21...Nxc3∓ -0.81/21 22.Bxc3 Bxd1]
22.Bxd5? -2.22/19
[22.Nxd5!= 0.18/18 and White stays safe. cxd5 23.Rxd1]
22...cxd5? -0.62/18
[22...Bxc2-+ -2.22/19 23.Kxc2 cxd5 24.Rxd5 Ree6]
23.Nxd5? -2.66/21
[White should play 23.Rxd1∓ -0.62/18 g6 *(23...Re5 24.Qf3=)* 24.Qxd5]
23...Qe5? -0.54/18
[Better is 23...Re5-+ -2.66/21 24.Qd3 Qxc2+ 25.Qxc2 Bxc2 26.Kxc2 Bc5 *(26...Rxh3? 27.Nf4∓)*]
24.Qxe5+∓ Rxe5 25.Rxd1 -0.96/19
[25.Kxd1∓ -0.60/19 Bc5 *(25...Rxh3 26.Nf4=)* 26.Rd3]
25...Rd6 -0.55/22
[25...Rxh3 26.Nf4 Rh8 27.Rd8+ Kc7 28.Ra8=]
[25...Re8∓ -0.96/19 26.Bc3 Rxh3]



26.c4 Rd8 0.12/21
[26...Rc6∓ -0.66/19 27.b3 Rf5]
27.Bc3= Rh5 28.f4 -0.73/22
[28.a4= 0.00/19 remains equal.]

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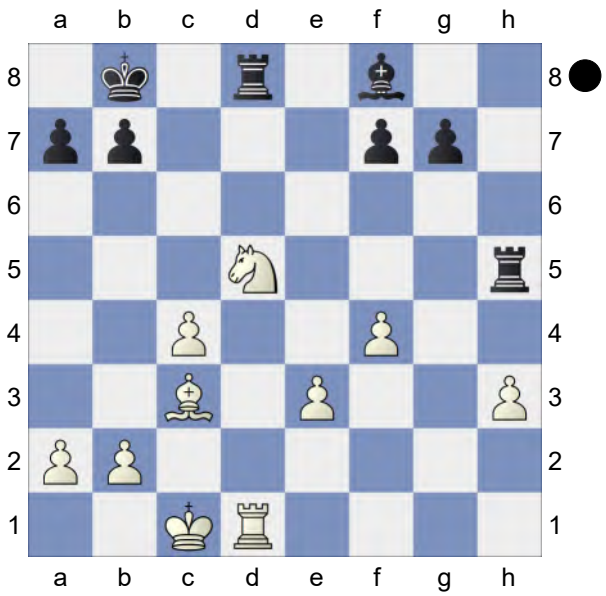
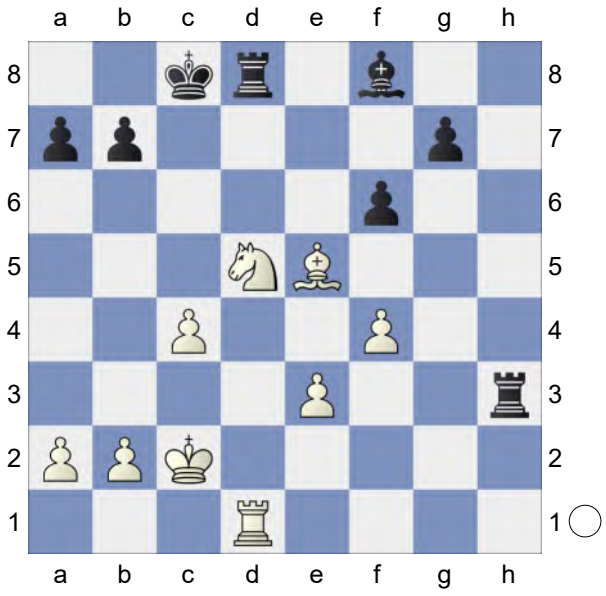
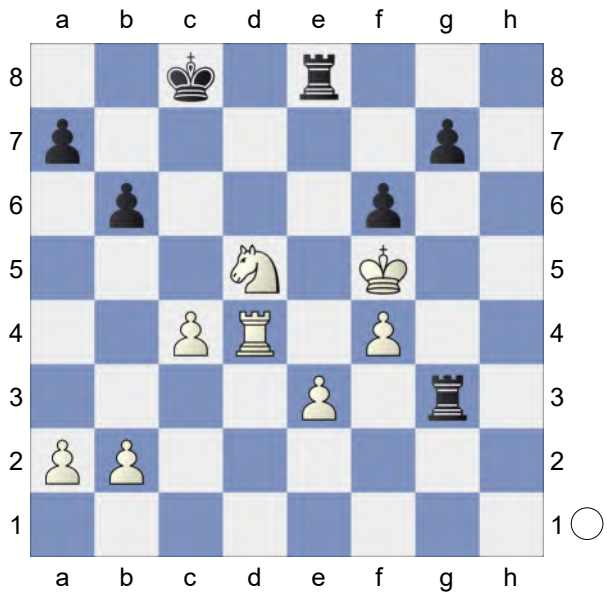


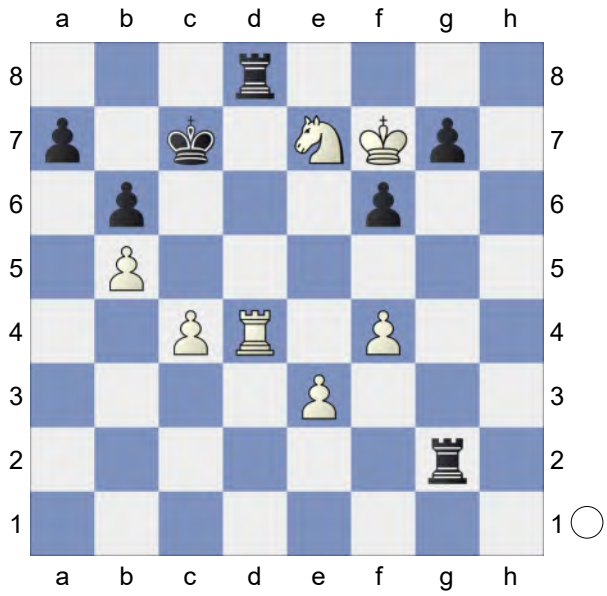
28...Rxh3 0.00/22
[28...b5!∓ -0.73/22 29.b3 bxc4 *(29...Rxh3 30.cxb5 Rh5 31.e4=)* 30.bxc4 Rxh3]
29.Be5+ Kc8 30.Kc2 f6



31.Bd4 b6
[31...b5!? 32.b3 Rh2+ 33.Rd2 Rxd2+ 34.Kxd2 Kb7=]
32.Kd3 Bc5 33.Ke4 Bxd4 34.Rxd4
Endgame KRR-KRN **34...Re8+** 0.00/29
[34...Rh2∓ -0.43/18 might be stronger. 35.b4 Rxa2]
35.Kf5 Rg3



36.b4 Rg2 37.b5 Rxa2 38.Kg6 Rg2+ 39.Kf7 Rd8 40.Ne7+ Kc7



...Rxd4 is the strong threat. **41.Nd5+ Kb7 42.Re4 Rd7+ 43.Ke8 Rxd5** 8.17/18 **44.Re7+ Kc8 45.cxd5+-** KR-KR **45...Rd2**

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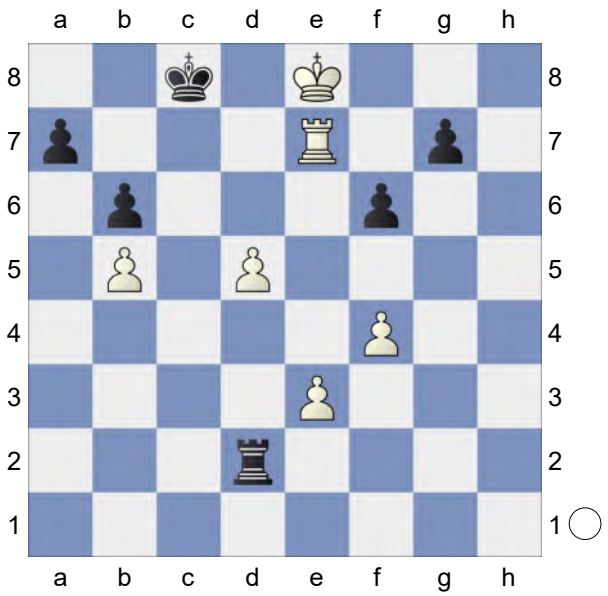
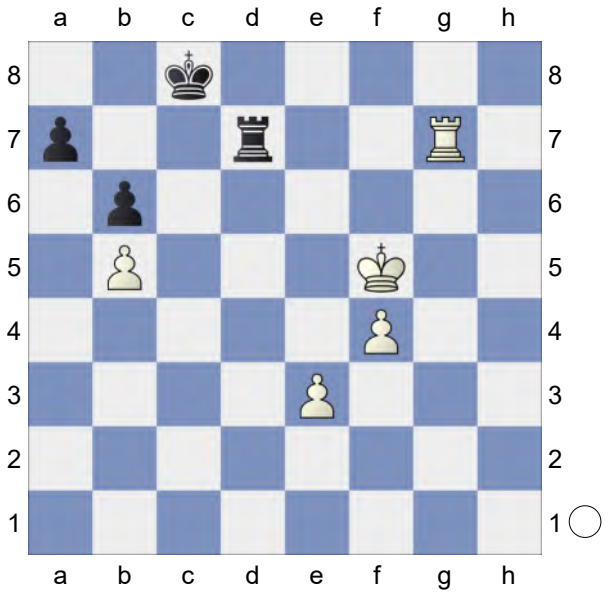
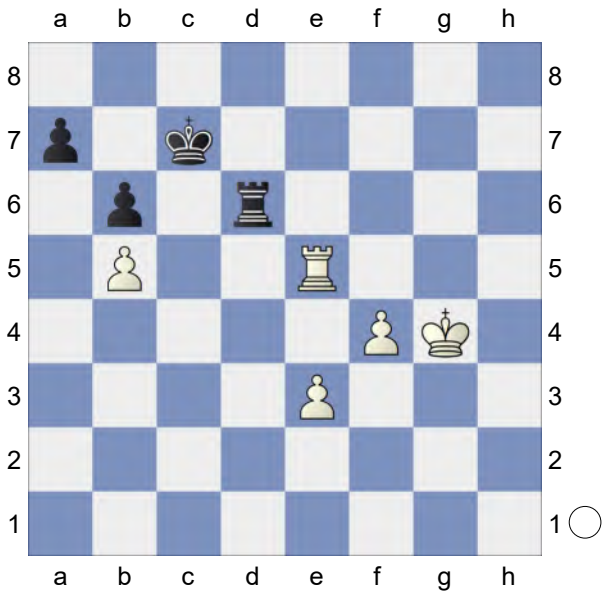


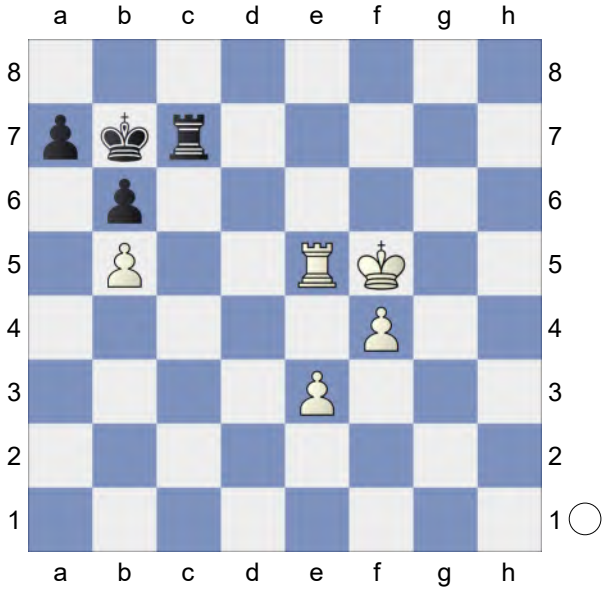
46.d6
[46.Rxg7 Rxd5 47.Rxa7 Rxb5±]
46...Rxd6 47.Rxg7 1.82/22
[Less strong is 47.Rxa7 Re6+ 48.Kf7 Rxe3±]
[⌓47.e4 4.26/23 Rd4 48.f5 *(48.Rxg7 Rxe4+ 49.Kf7 Rxf4∓)*]
47...Rd8+? 6.70/23
[47...Rd5 1.82/22 48.Rxa7 Rxb5]
48.Kf7 Rd7+ 49.Kxf6 Rd6+ 50.Kf5 Rd7



51.Rg8+ Kc7 52.Rg6 Rd5+ 53.Kg4? 2.47/18
[53.Ke6 7.15/20 Rxb5 54.f5]
53...Rd6 10.78/19
[53...Rxb5 2.47/18 54.Rg7+ Kb8]
54.Rg5 White is clearly winning.
54...Rd7 55.Re5 Rd6

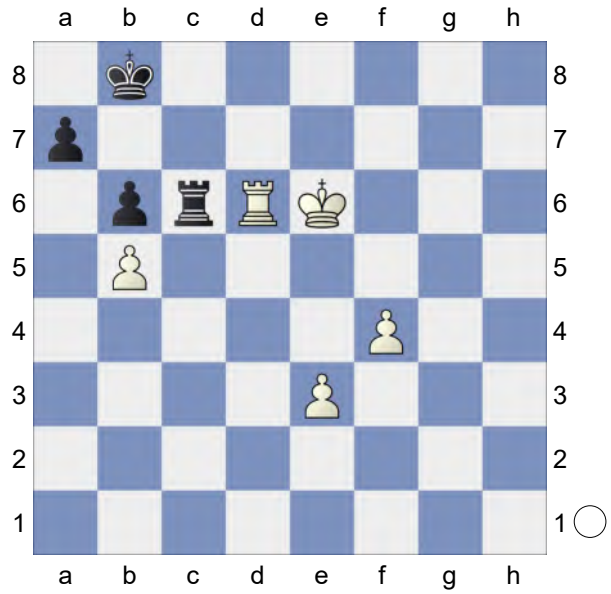


56.Kf5 Rd7 57.Ke4 Kd8 58.Kf5 Kc8 59.Ke4 Rc7 60.Kf5 Kb7



61.Ke4 Kb8 62.Rd5 Rc5 63.Ke5 And now Rxc5 would win. **63...Rc4 64.Rd6 Rc5+ 65.Ke6** Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=0.91

65...Rc6



Loss on time!?
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□ **temus22** **2817**
■ **Monkey_King** **2564**
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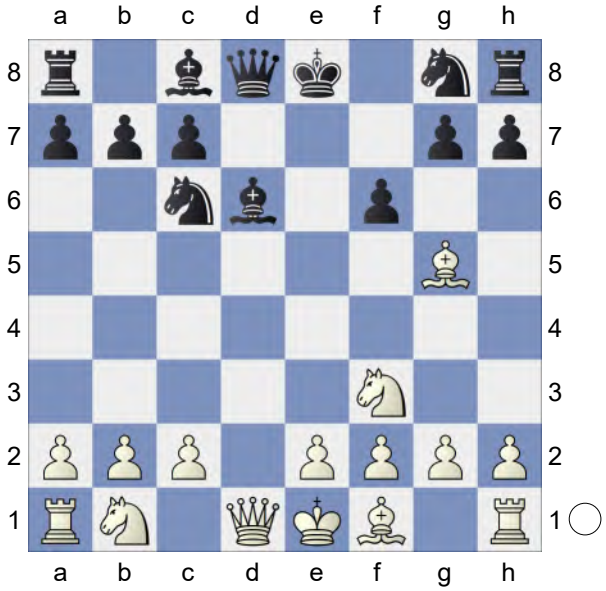
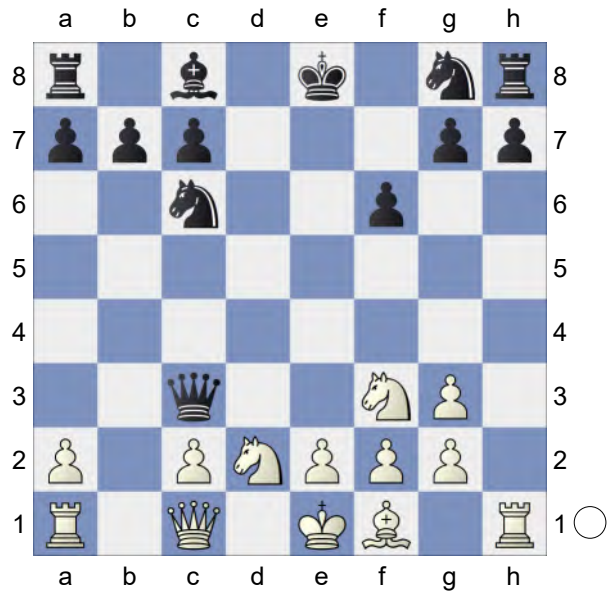
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.e4 dxe5 6.Nc3 f6 7.Be3 Bb4 8.Bc4 Nge7 9.Qe2 Qg4 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qxe4 12.Rfd1 Bg4 13.Rab1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qg6+ 15.Kh1 b6 16.Rg1 Qf5 17.Rxg7 Rf8 1-0 (34) Kletochkaa (2693)-Yagermeistervariants (2514) Blitz 2024]
3...Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bg5N
[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 19.Rd6 Be6 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998 20.Bc4 Rcd8 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.Rxd8+ Nxd8 23.Rd1 Rb6+ 24.Kc1 Bb2+ 25.Kd2 Bf6 26.Bc7 Ra6 27.Bxd8 Bxd8 28.Kc1 Bf6 29.Rd7 Rxa2 30.Rxb7 Ra4 31.Nd2 Bc3 32.Rb3 Ra1+ 33.Nb1 Be1 34.Kb2 Ra5 ½-½ (54) Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) V0041 www.desc-online.de 1999]
[5.e4 Bg4 6.Be2 Qe7 7.Nc3 0-0-0 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.0-0 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Qxe4 11.Bd3 Bxf3 12.Bxe4 Bxd1 13.Raxd1 Ne5 14.Bc3 g6 15.f4 Nc4 16.Bxh8 Rxh8 17.Rfe1 Rd8 18.b3 Nb6 19.c4 Re8 1-0 (32) Bashirli,S (1986)-Nevska,G (1863) Swiss Queens Wed #44 blitz 2024 (11)]
5...f6



6.Bh4 Qe7 7.Bg3 Bxg3 8.hxg3
White is better. **8...Qb4+** 1.64/19
[8...Bd7± 0.82/20]
9.Nbd2 0.66/17
[9.Nc3+- 1.64/19]
9...Qxb2± 10.Qc1 -0.22/22
[10.e3± 0.77/17]
10...Qc3 0.70/18

[Black should try 10...Qxc1+= -0.22/22 11.Rxc1 Be6]



11.Rb1 Nb4 1.60/16
[⌓11...b6 0.75/20]
12.Rb3± Qc5 13.c3 0.88/16
[13.e3 1.48/18]
13...Nc6 14.e3 Nge7 1.38/19
[⌓14...b6 0.91/17]
15.Bd3 0.94/18
[Better is 15.Qc2 1.38/19]
15...g6? 4.18/18
[15...b6± 0.94/18 is a better chance.]

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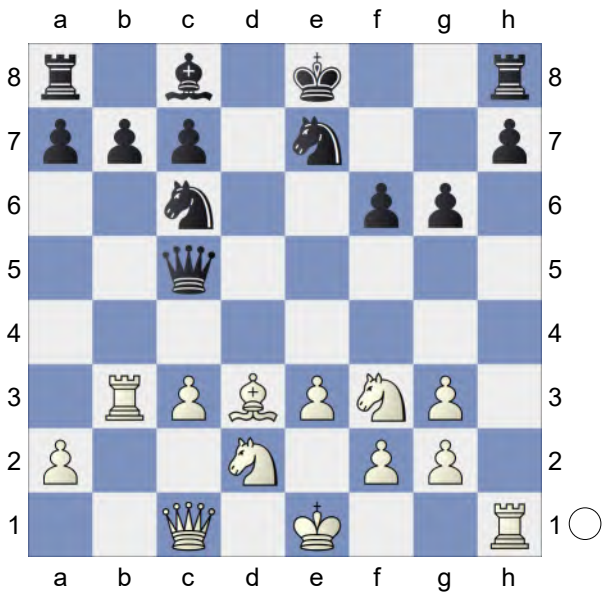
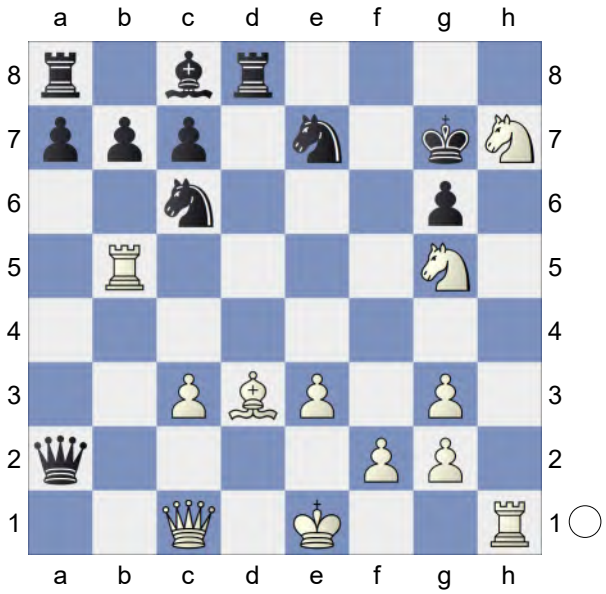


16.Ne4!+- Qa5 17.Nxf6+ Kf7 18.Nxh7
[18.Rxh7+ Rxh7 19.Nxh7 Qh5+-]
18...Kg7 5.95/16
[⌓18...Ne5 4.24/17 19.Nxe5+ Qxe5]
19.Rb5 Qxa2 20.Nfg5 2.51/18
[⌓20.c4 5.79/19 a5 *(20...Rxh7? 21.Qc3++-)* 21.Qc3+ Kg8 22.Nf6+ Kg7 23.Rxh8 Qe2+ 24.Kxe2 Kxh8 25.Ne8+ Nd4+ 26.Qxd4+ Kh7 27.Qg7#]
20...Rd8



21.Qb1 0.83/19
[21.Be2+- 3.56/16 has better winning

chances.]

21...Qa3? 3.26/18

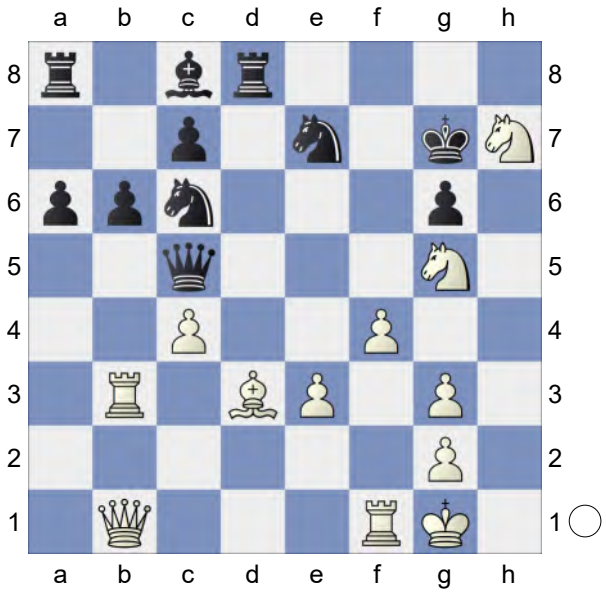
[21...Qxb1+± 0.83/19 22.Bxb1 Rd5 23.Rxd5 Nxd5]

22.Rb3 Qa5 23.0-0 aiming for c4.

23...b6? 4.17/18

[23...a6 2.59/17 24.f4 Qc5]

24.c4 a6 25.f4 Qc5



26.Qb2+ Kh6 27.Kf2 Bg4 28.Rh1+ Bh5 29.Be2 6.84/15

[⌓29.Rxh5+ #6/13 Kxh5 30.Nf6+ *(30.Qg7 Qxe3+* Decoy *31.Kxe3 Rxd3+* Remove Defender *32.Rxd3 Kg4 33.Ke4 Rf8 34.Qxf8 Nd5 35.Qc8+ Kh5 36.Qh3#)* 30...Kh6 31.Ng4+ *(31.Nf7+ Kg7 32.Nh5+* Discovered Attack (Double Check) *Kxf7 33.Qf6+ Ke8 34.Ng7+ Kd7 35.Qe6#)* 31...Kh5 32.Qg7 *(32.Ne4 Qxe3+* Decoy *33.Kxe3 Rxd3+ 34.Rxd3 Nf5+ 35.Kf2 g5 36.Qf6 Rg8 37.Qf7+ Kxg4 38.Nf6#)* 32...Ng8 33.Qxg6+ Kxg4 34.Be2#]

29...Na5

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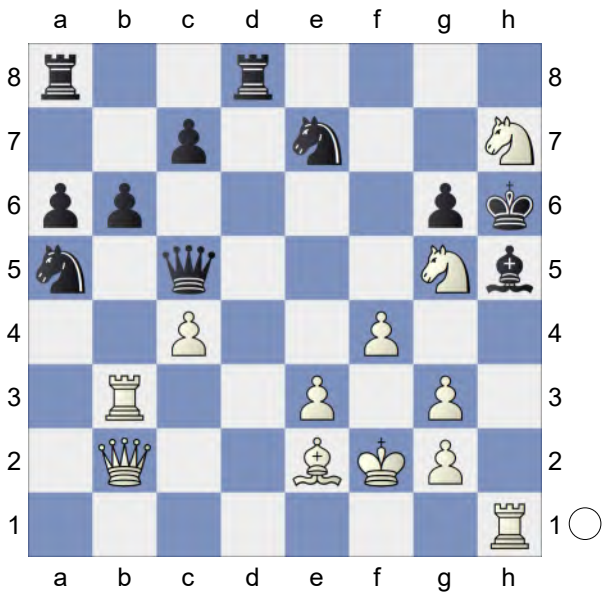
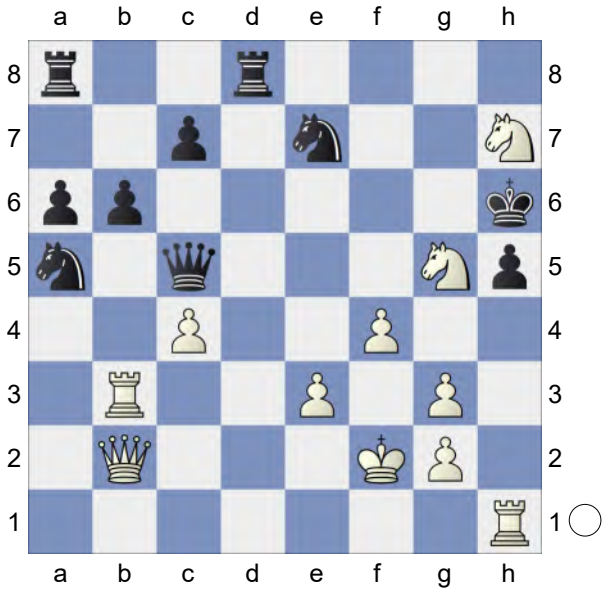


30.Bxh5! 16.05/17 **gxh5**

[30...Rd4 31.Bg4+]



31.Qf6+ Ng6

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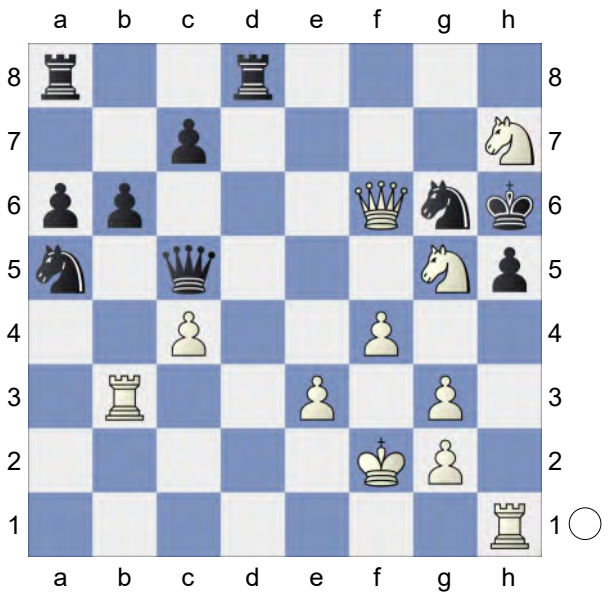
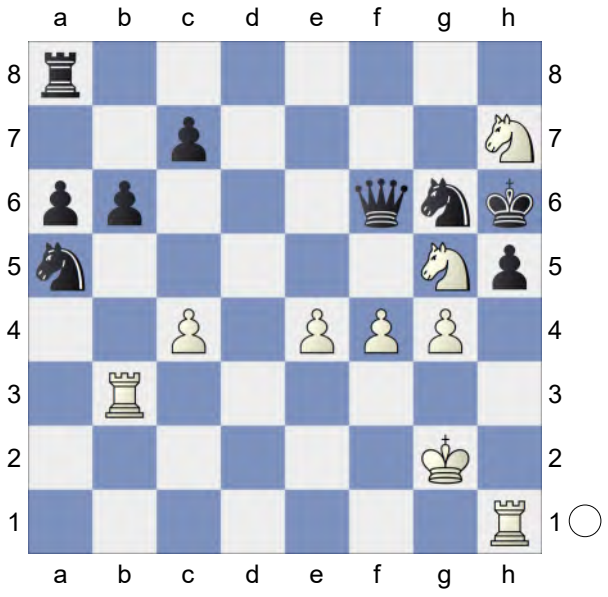


32.g4! 8.86/19 **Rd2+ 33.Kg3 Rxg2+ 34.Kxg2 Qc6+ 35.e4** 4.21/21

[⌓35.Qxc6 9.22/18 White threatens Qf6 and mate. Nxc6 36.Rxh5+ *(36.gxh5 Nge5+-)* 36...Kg7 37.Ne6+ Kg8 38.Nf6+ *(38.Nxc7 Ra7+-)* 38...Kf7 39.Nxc7]

35...Qxf6



36.Rxh5+→ Black is in trouble.

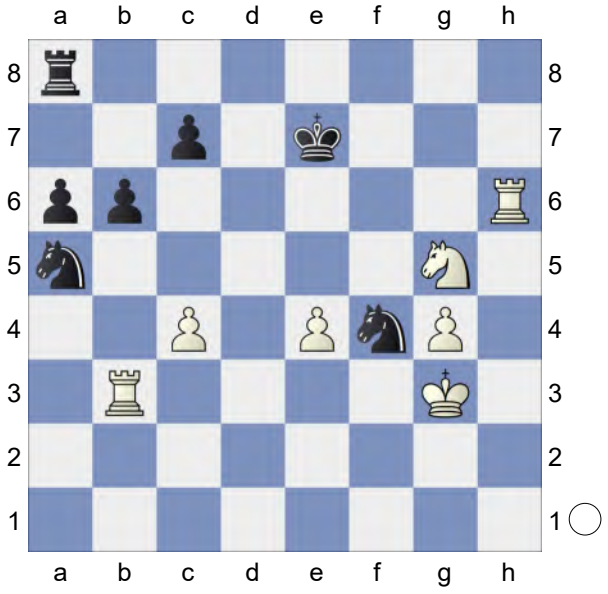
[36.Nxf6 Nxf4+ 37.Kg3 Kxg5±]

36...Kg7 37.Nxf6 Nxf4+ 38.Kg3! Kxf6 39.Rh6+ -4.27/23

[39.Rf3+- 5.73/20 Ke5 40.Rxf4]

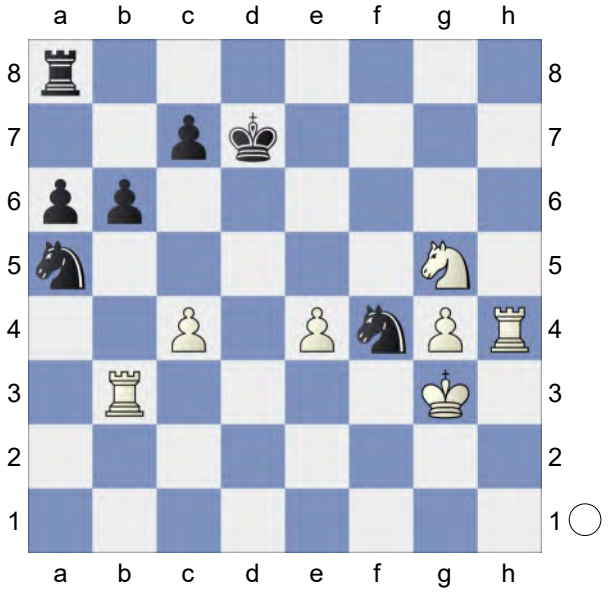
39...Ke7?? 6.76/18

[39...Kxg5-+ -4.27/23 40.Rf3 Ne2+ *(40...Kxh6? 41.Rxf4 Kg7 42.c5-+; 40...Nxc4? 41.Rh2-+)* 41.Kf2 Kxh6 42.Kxe2 Nxc4]



40.Rh4? -0.13/21 **Kd7?** 4.20/19

[40...Ne2+= -0.13/21 41.Kf2 Nxb3 42.Kxe2 Rg8]



41.Rh7+ Kc6 42.Rh6+ Kb7

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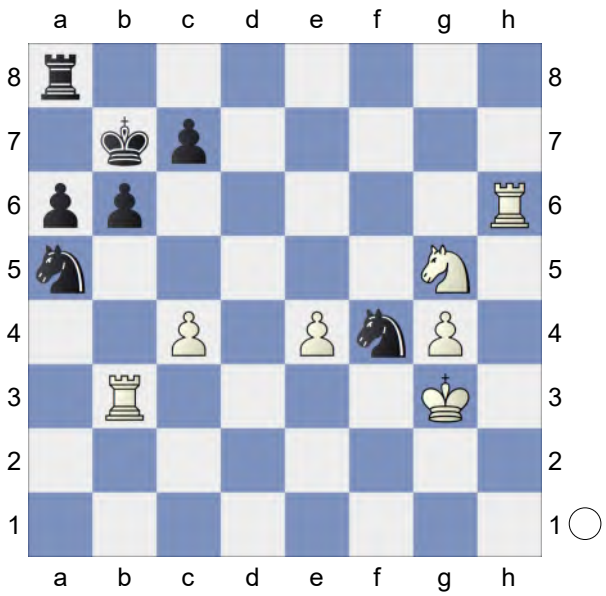
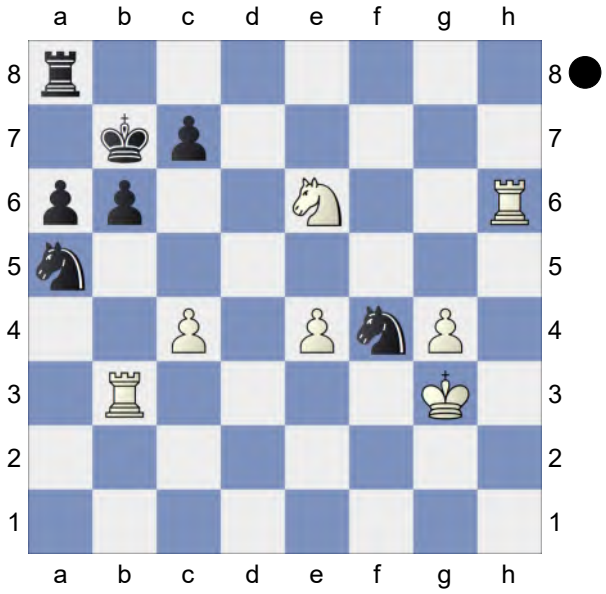


43.Ne6?? -3.22/24



Rd8?? 8.89/19 **44.Nxd8+** White is clearly winning. **44...Kc8 45.Rh7 Kxd8**

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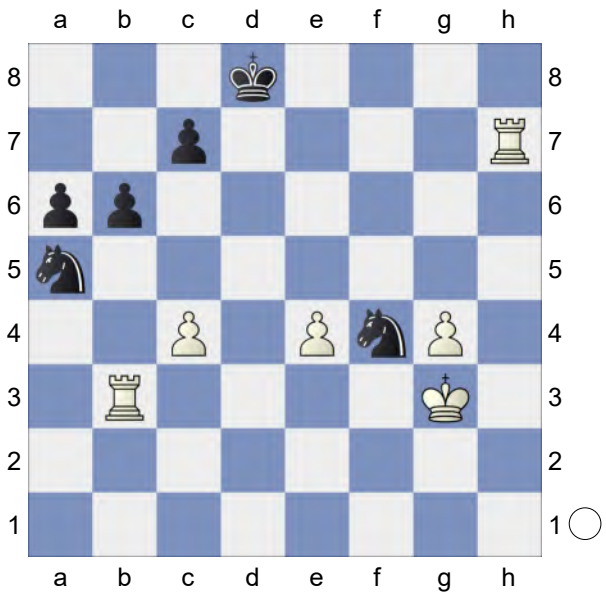
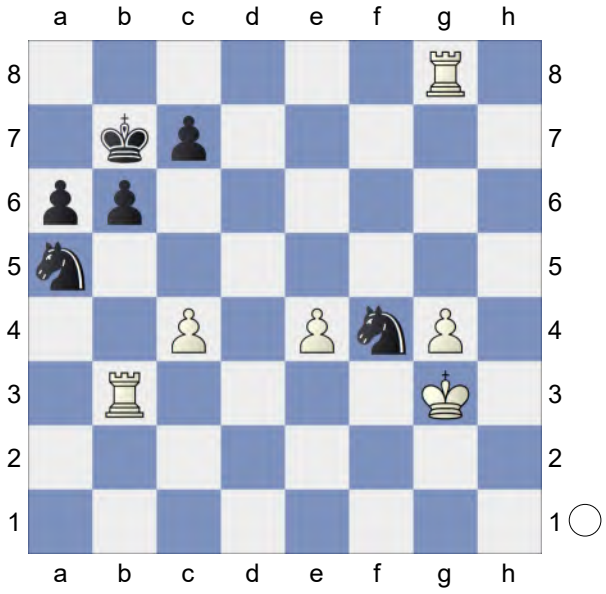


46.Rg7 5.16/17 **Kc8** 9.89/21
[⌓46...Ne2+ 5.16/17 47.Kf2 Nxb3]
47.Rg8+ Kb7



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48.Kxf4!

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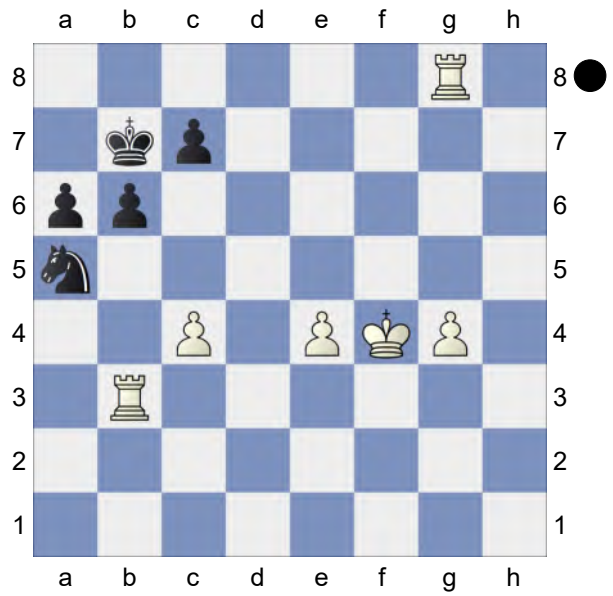

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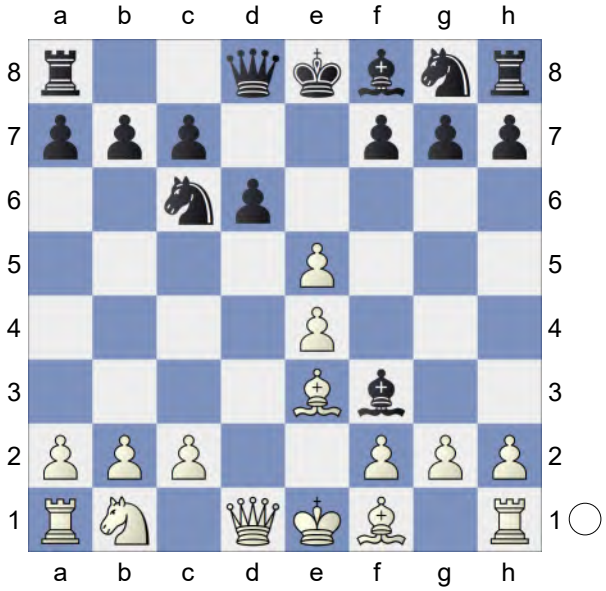
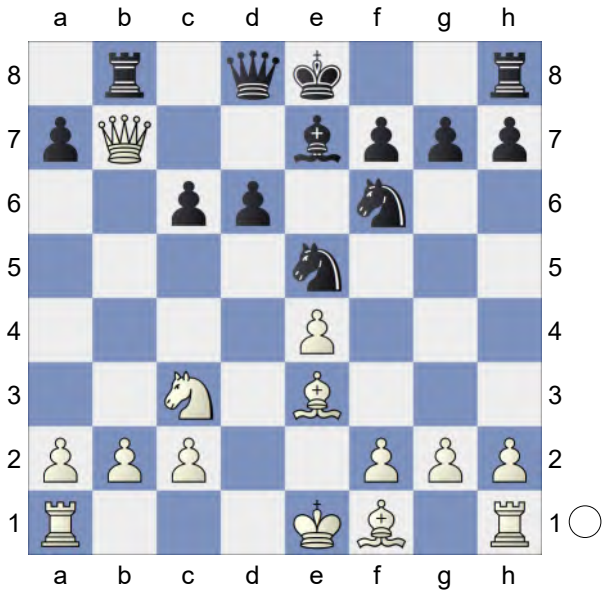
51 **A40**
□ **GRXbullet** **2819**
■ **Abdelrhmanhegazy78** **2630**
Rapid 02.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
C41: Philidor Defence
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4N
[4.Bf4 f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]
[4.Bg5
A) 4...Be7 5.Bxe7 Ngxe7 *(5...Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Rxb7* 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998*)* 6.exd6 cxd6 7.c3 0-0 8.e3 Be6 9.Be2 Qb6 10.Qc2 Bf5 11.Qb3 Qxb3 12.axb3 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023;
B) 4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bg4 5.Be3 Bxf3 1.39/20
[5...dxe5± 0.58/19 6.Nbd2 Nf6]



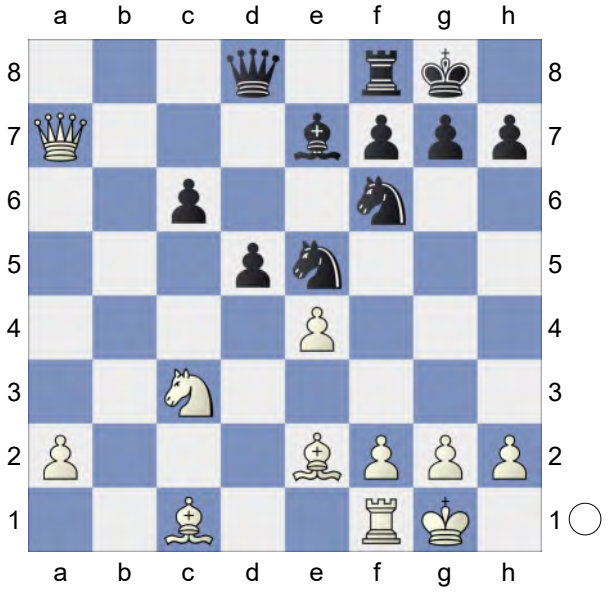
6.Qxf3±
[6.gxf3?! dxe5 7.Nd2 g6±]
6...Nxe5 7.Qe2 Nf6 8.Nc3 White is clearly better. **8...Be7** 2.44/16
[⌓8...Nc6 1.80/17 9.0-0-0 Qd7]
9.Qb5+? 0.58/19
[White should try 9.f4+- 2.44/16]
9...c6± 10.Qxb7 Rb8



11.Qxa7 Rxb2 12.Be2↑ White has some pressure. **12...Rxc2 13.Rc1** 0.13/21

[13.Bb6± 0.76/21 Qc8 14.Bd4]

13...Rxc1+= 14.Bxc1 0-0 15.0-0 d5



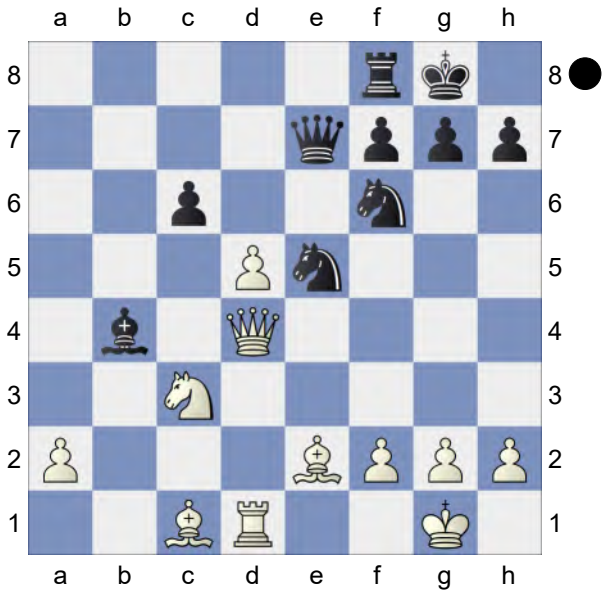
16.Rd1 Bb4 17.Qd4

[17.Bb2 Qd6 18.exd5 Neg4 19.Bxg4 Nxg4∓]

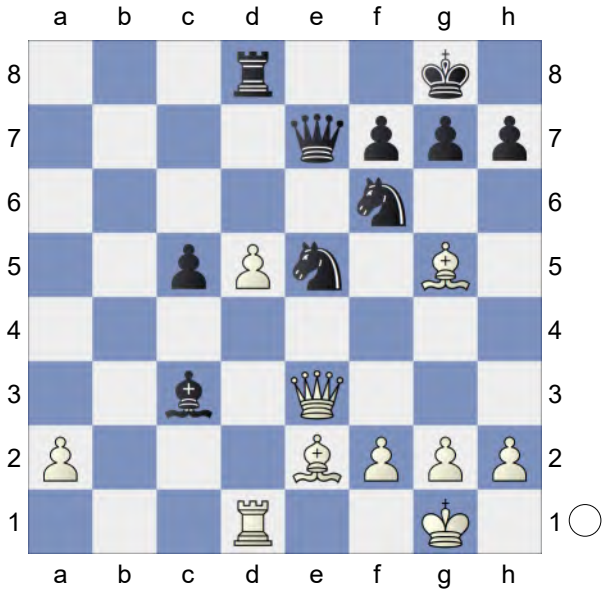
17...Qe7 1.55/21

[17...Qa5± 0.49/19 18.Bd2 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Bxd2 20.Qxd2 Qa3 21.Nxf6+ gxf6]

18.exd5±



Rd8 19.Bg5 c5 20.Qe3 Bxc3



21.Qxc3 Rxd5 22.Rc1 0.52/18

[22.Rxd5+- 1.72/20 Nxd5 23.Qa5 *(23.Bxe7 Nxc3 24.Ba6 Nxa2±)*]

22...Ned7 23.Be3 A strong pair of Bishops. **23...h6** 1.45/20

[⌓23...Re5 0.90/21]

24.h3 0.84/18 White is more active.

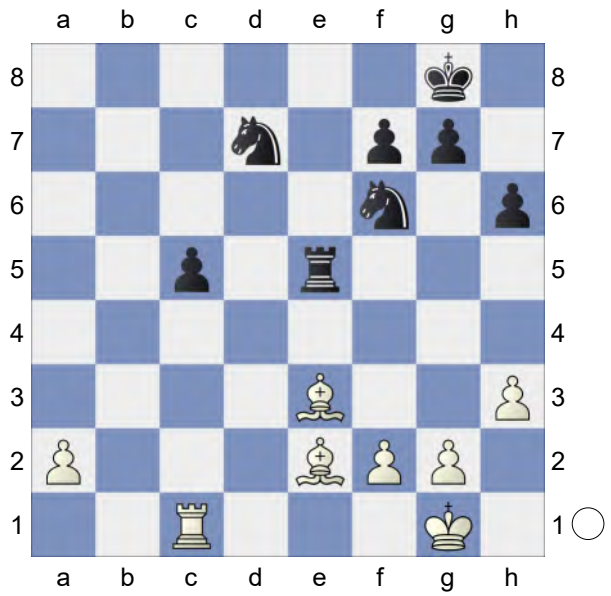
[⌓24.Qb3 1.45/20]

A mistake that costs the game.

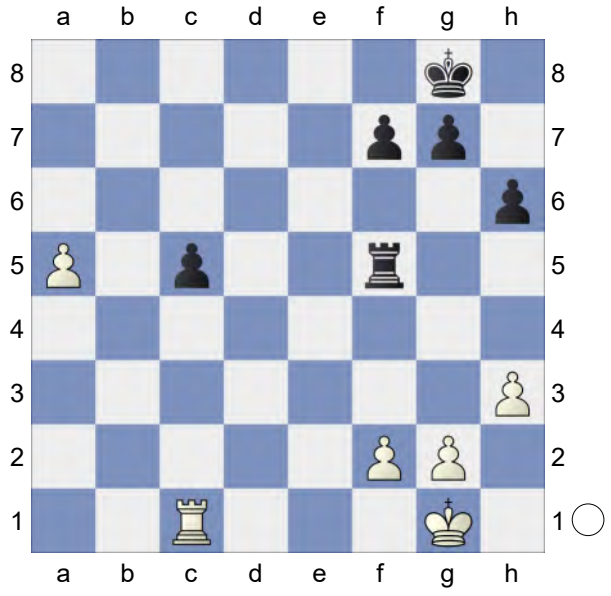
24...Qe5? 3.16/21

[24...Re5± 0.84/18]

25.Qxe5 Rxe5



26.a4 Bb5 would now be deadly.
26...Nd5 27.Bb5 Nxe3 28.Bxd7
Endgame KRB-KRN **28...Nf5** 3.84/25
[28...Re7 1.66/20 might work better.]
29.a5+- Rd5 6.21/22
[29...Nd4 1.96/20 30.a6 Ne6 *(30...Ne2+? 31.Kh2+-)*]
30.Bxf5 White is clearly winning.
30...Rxf5



31.a6 c4

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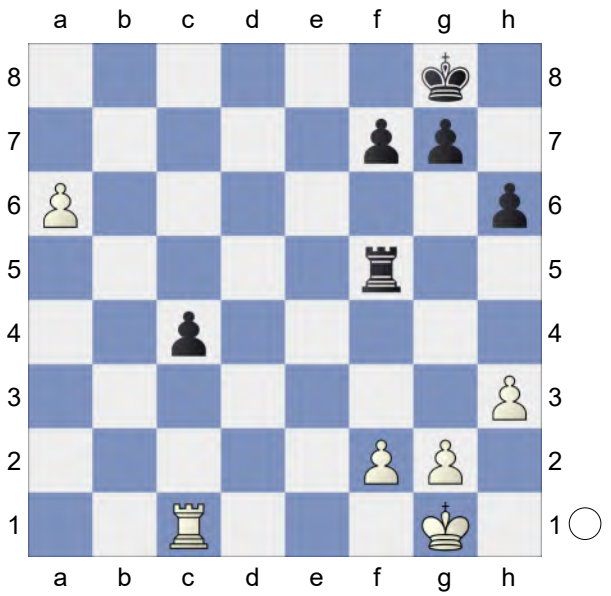
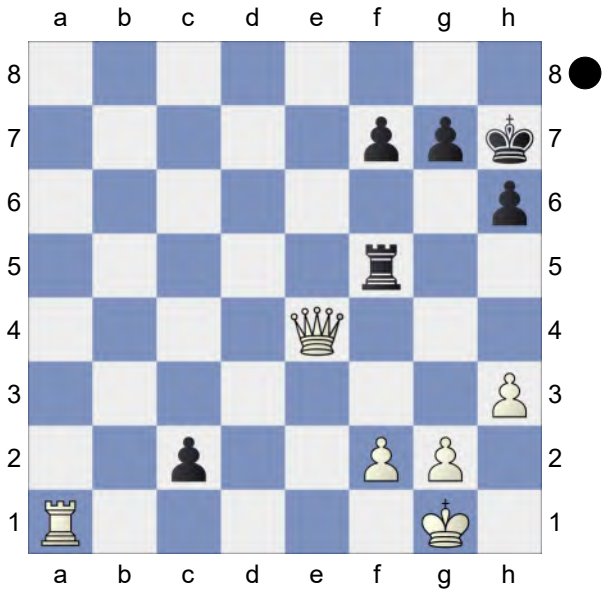


32.Ra1 Against Ra5
[Weaker is 32.Rxc4 Ra5±]
32...c3 33.a7 c2 34.a8Q+ Kh7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.75
35.Qe4



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52 **A40**
□ **Seanser** **2838**
■ **chessajedrezz2020** **2619**
Blitz 22.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.exd6**
[5.Bg5 Qd7 6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]
5...Bxd6

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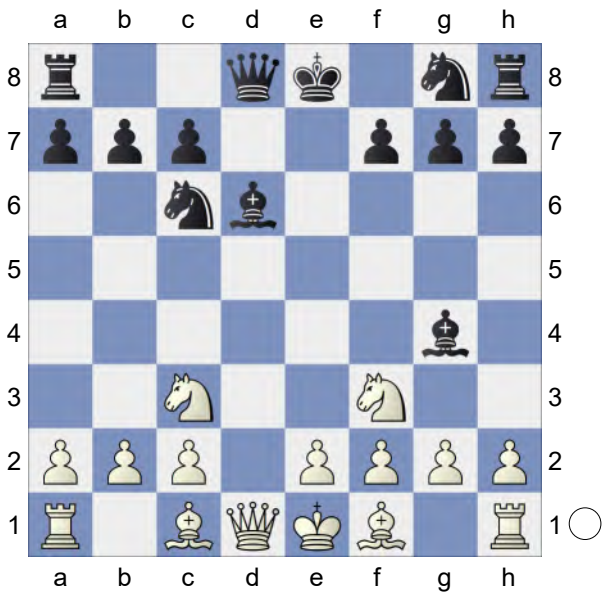
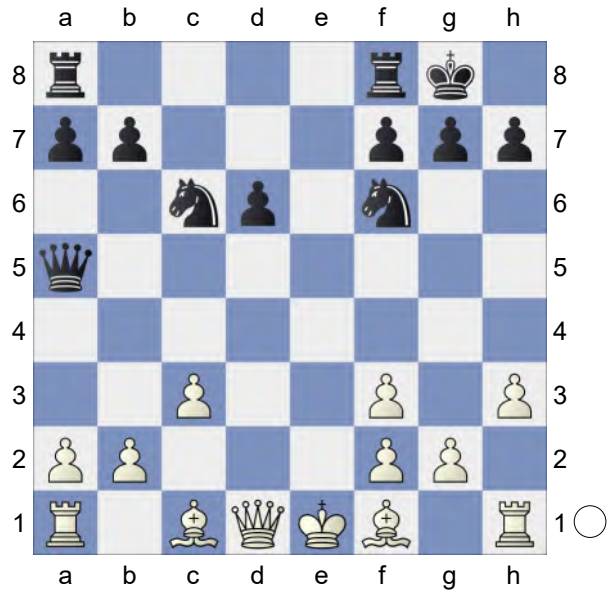
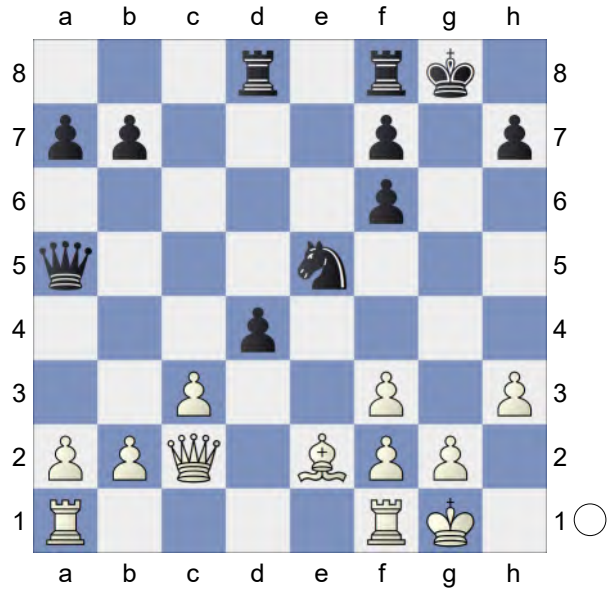


6.Ne4N
[6.e4 Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxd6 a4 18.Qc4 Rfc8 19.Bf4 Qb7 20.Qd5 b3 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]
[6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]
6...Nf6 1.71/20
[6...Bb4+± 1.17/19 7.c3 Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Be7]
7.Nxd6++- cxd6 8.h3 1.20/20
[8.c3+- 1.75/23]
8...Bxf3 1.96/21
[8...Bf5± 1.20/20]
9.exf3 Qa5+ 2.57/21
[9...0-0 1.77/18 was worth a try. 10.Be2 d5]

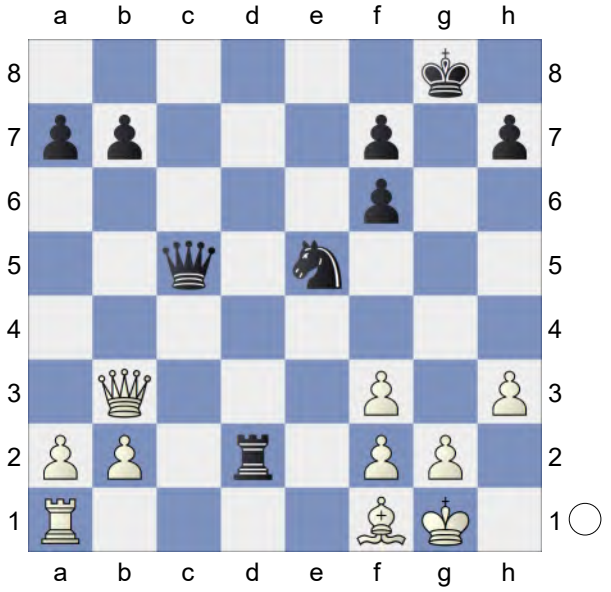
10.c3 0-0



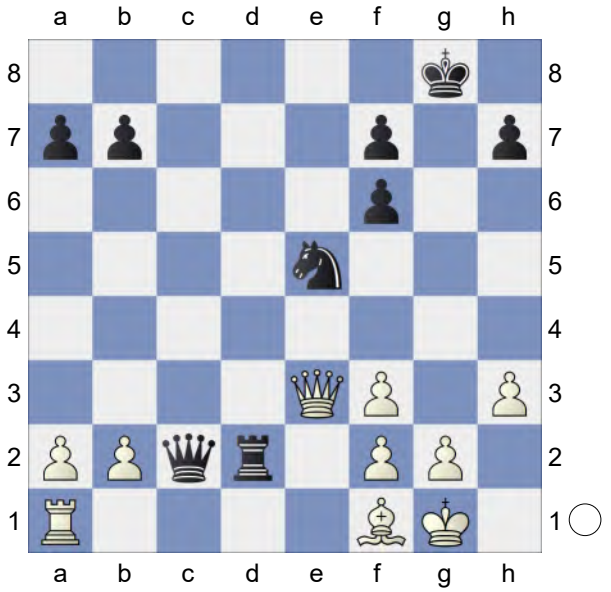
11.Be2!
[11.Qxd6 Rfe8+ 12.Be3 Rad8-+]
11...d5 12.0-0 Rad8 13.Bg5 1.24/18
[13.Be3+- 1.78/23]
13...d4± 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qc2 Ne5 1.78/21
[15...Rfe8± 1.21/22 16.Rfd1 dxc3]



16.cxd4 0.76/22
[16.Rad1+- 1.78/21 is more deadly.]
16...Rxd4 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.Rxd4 Rxd4 19.Bf1↑ White has some pressure. **19...Rd2** 0.99/24
[19...b6± 0.55/23]
20.Qb3 0.04/20
[20.Qc8+± 0.99/24 Kg7 21.f4 *(21.Qxb7 Qc5=)*]
20...Qc5=

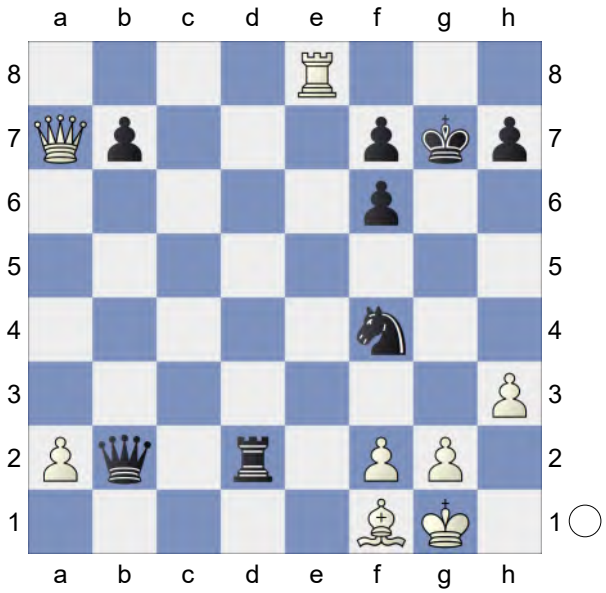


21.Qe3 Qc2 1.60/20
[21...Qxe3= 0.05/21 22.fxe3 Rxb2]

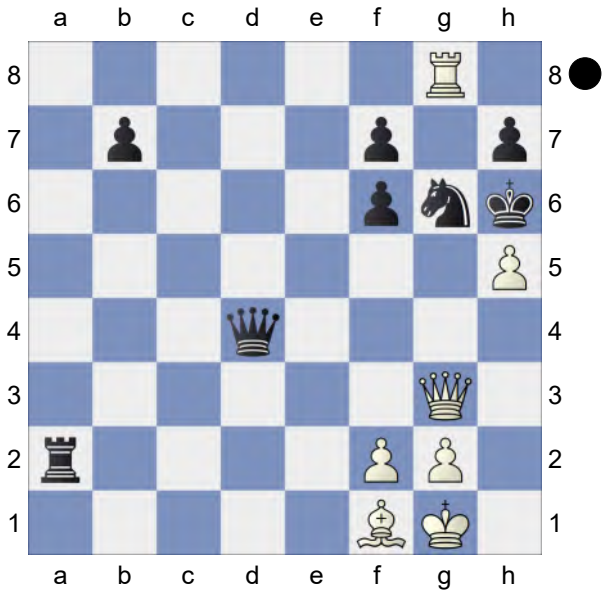


22.f4 0.61/19
[22.Qxa7 Qxb2 23.Qe3 Rxf2±]
[22.Re1!± 1.60/20]
22...Ng6 1.47/16

[22...Nd3± 0.61/19]
23.Qxa7 0.40/18
[White should try 23.b3± 1.47/16]
23...Qxb2± 24.Re1 Nxf4 4.66/22
[Black should try 24...Qxa2± 0.44/18 25.Qxb7 Rxf2]
25.Re8+? 0.00/22
[25.Qb8++- 4.66/22 Kg7 26.Qxf4]
25...Kg7=



26.Qb8 Ng6 27.Rg8+ Kh6 28.Qg3 Qd4 29.h4 Rxa2 30.h5 -1.29/24



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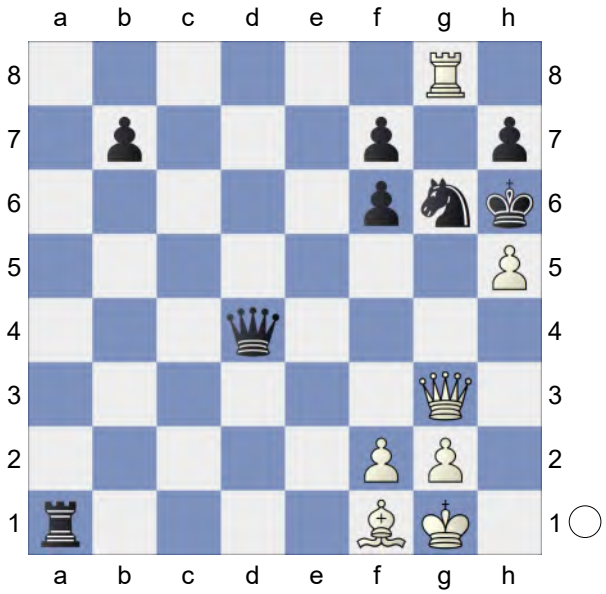
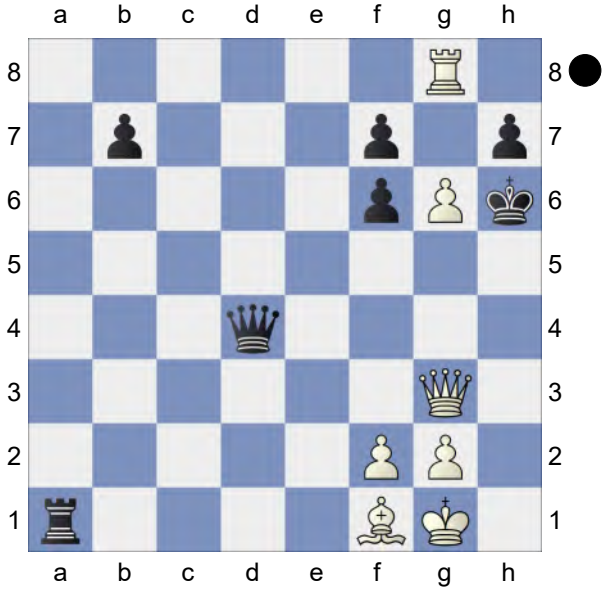
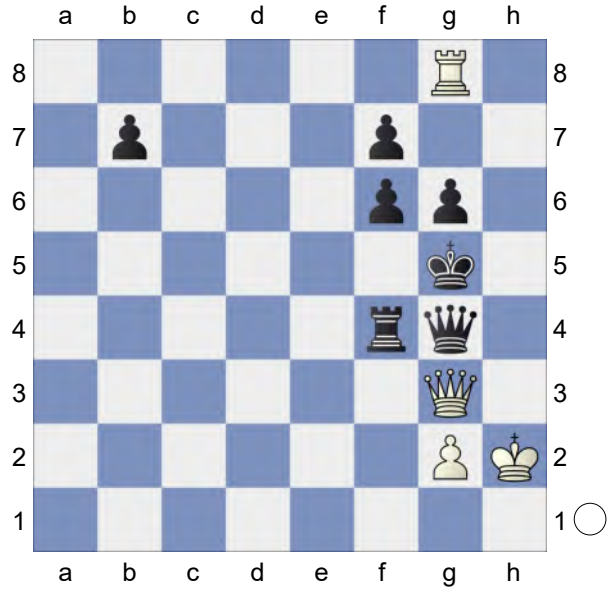


...Rxf1+! would now be deadly. **31.hxg6**



Threatening mate with Qh3+. **31...Rxf1+!** Endgame Back Rank. KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **32.Kh2 hxg6**
[And not 32...Qxf2 33.Qxf2 *(33.gxf7 Qg1+ 34.Kh3 Qh1+ 35.Qh2 Qxh2+ 36.Kxh2 Kh5 37.f8Q f5 38.Qf7+ Kh6 39.Qg7+* Deflection *Kh5 40.Qxh7#; 33.Qh3+ Kg5 34.gxf7+ Kf4 35.Rg4+ Ke5 36.Qc3+ Kf5 37.Qc8+ Ke5 38.Qe8+ Kd5)* 33...Rxf2 34.gxf7 Kh5 35.f8Q *(35.f8B Re2+-)* 35...h6 36.Kh3

(36.Qg7 Rxg2+ 37.Qxg2 Kh4 38.Qh3#)]
[32...fxg6 33.Qh3+ Kg5 34.Qg3+ Kh6 *(34...Qg4 35.Rg7∓)* 35.Qh3+ Kg5 36.Qg3+ Qg4 37.Rg7=]
33.Qh3+ Kg5 34.Qg3+ Qg4 35.f4+? -4.56/21 **Rxf4-+**



Black is clearly winning. **36.Rb8** -7.41/20
[⩲36.Qe3 -4.89/19 Qh5+ 37.Kg1 Qd1+ 38.Kh2]
36...Qxg3+ 37.Kxg3 Rb4 What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.43
38.Rf8

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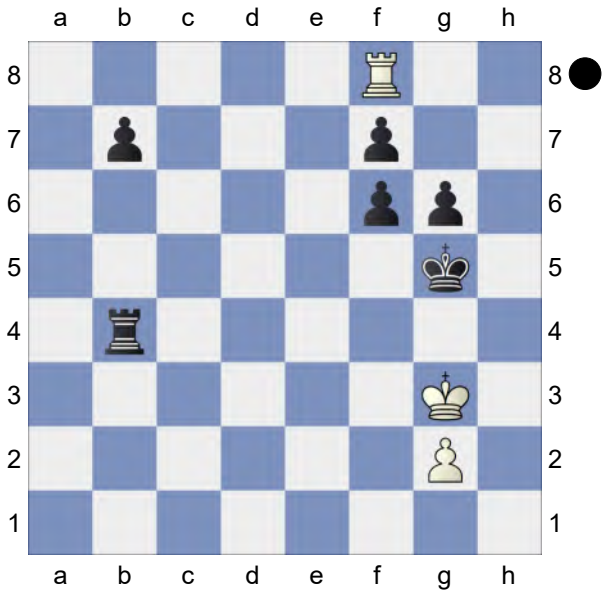

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53 **A40**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3035**
■ **OpeningsBot** **2370**
Blitz 04.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Be7
[4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
[4...f6 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.c3 Bg4 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 Kh8 11.Qa4 Bh5 12.0-0 a6 13.Rfe1 b5 14.Qc2 Ne5 15.Rad1 Bg6 16.Qb3 Nxf3+ 17.Nxf3 Ng4 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.h3 1-0 (64) Joven Jubilado (2554)-Yagermeistervariants (2508)

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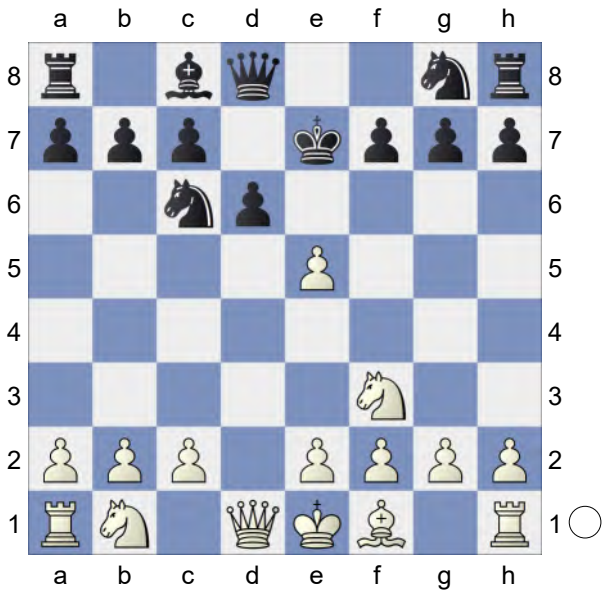
5.Bxe7 Kxe7N

[5...Ngxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.c3 0-0 8.e3 Be6 9.Be2 Qb6 10.Qc2 Bf5 11.Qb3 Qxb3 12.axb3 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023]

[5...Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Rxb7 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998 Rxd1+ 21.Nxd1 1-0 Kruse,E (1264)-Abromeit, G (1290) E0298 www.desc-online.de 1999]



6.exd6+ Qxd6 7.Qxd6+ Kxd6 8.Nc3 White is clearly better. **8...a6 9.Ng5 Be6 10.g3 Ke7**

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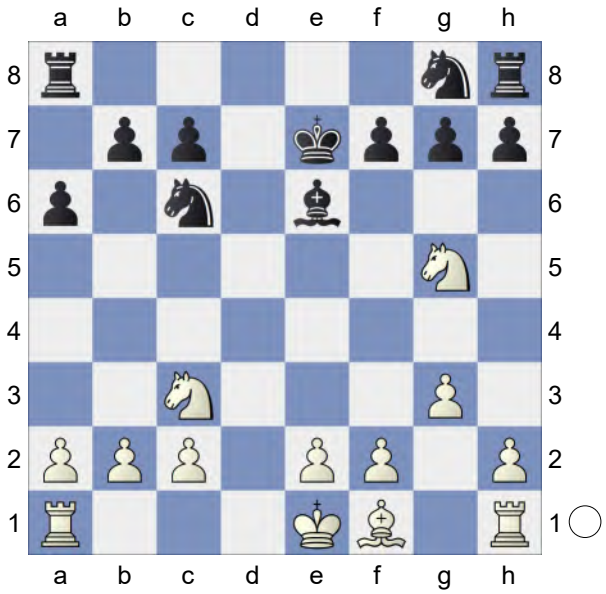
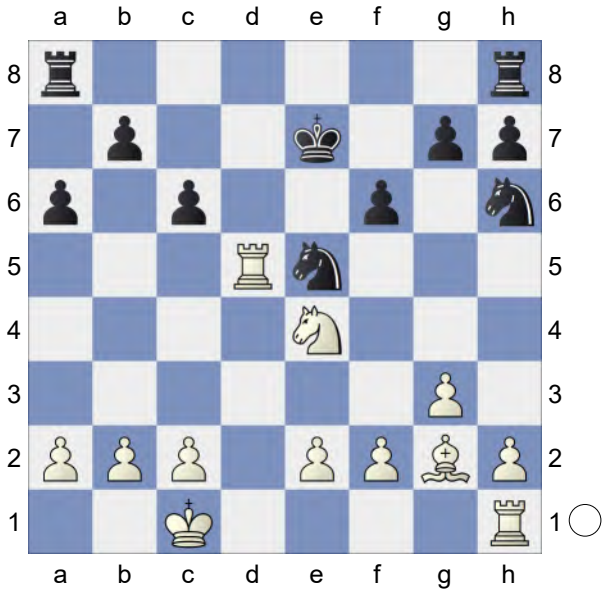


11.0-0-0 Ne5 12.Nd5+ Bxd5 13.Rxd5 f6 14.Ne4 Nh6 15.Bg2 c6



16.Rd2 Rad8 17.Rxd8 Kxd8 18.Nc5 Kc8 19.Bh3+ f5 20.e4 g6

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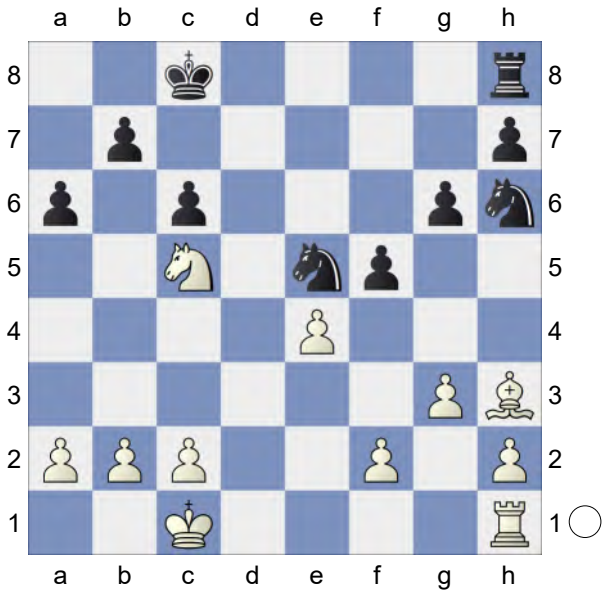
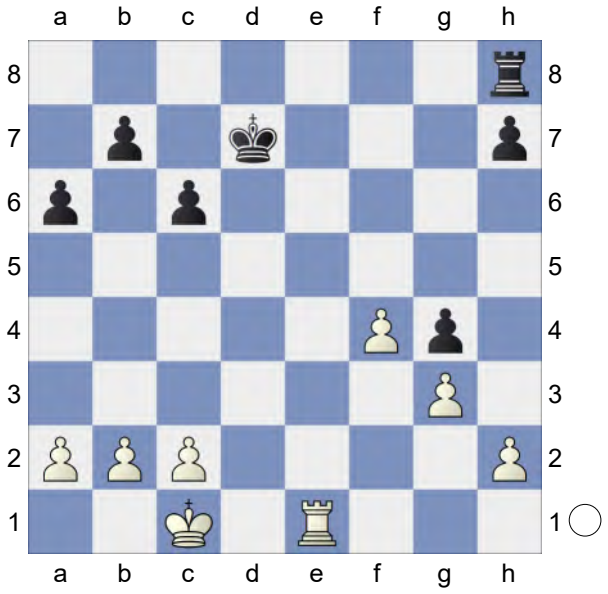


21.exf5 gxf5 22.f4 Nd7 23.Nxd7 Kxd7+- Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **24.Re1 Ng4 25.Bxg4 fxg4**



KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **26.Re5 h5 27.b3 b5 28.a4 bxa4 29.bxa4 Kd6 30.Rg5 a5**

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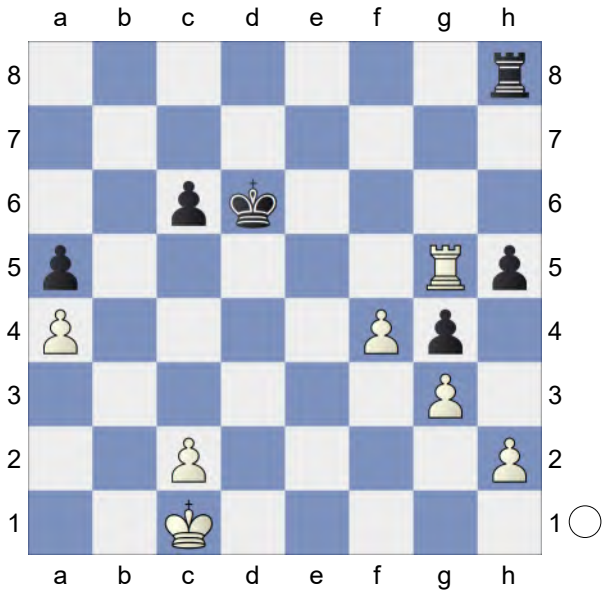


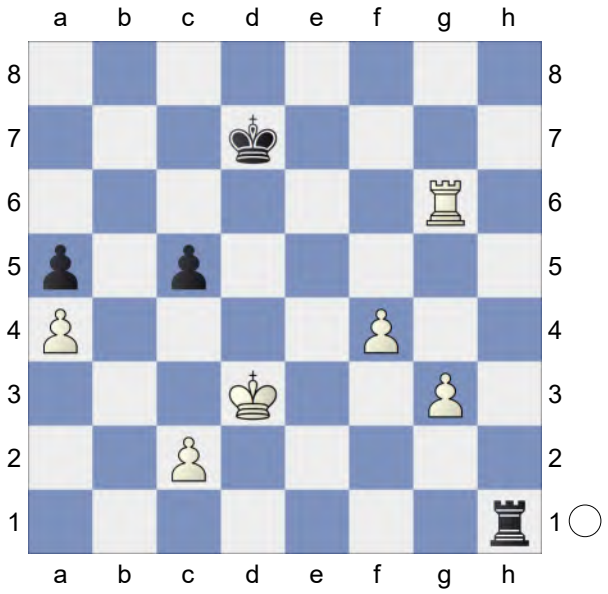
31.Kd2

[Less strong is 31.Rxa5 c5 32.Ra7 Kc6+-]

31...h4 32.Rxg4

[Stronger than 32.Rxa5 hxg3 33.hxg3 Rh3=]

32...hxg3 33.hxg3 c5 34.Kd3 Rh1 35.Rg6+ Kd7



36.Kc4 Ra1 37.Kxc5 Rxa4 38.c4 Ra1 39.f5 a4 40.Rg7+ Ke8

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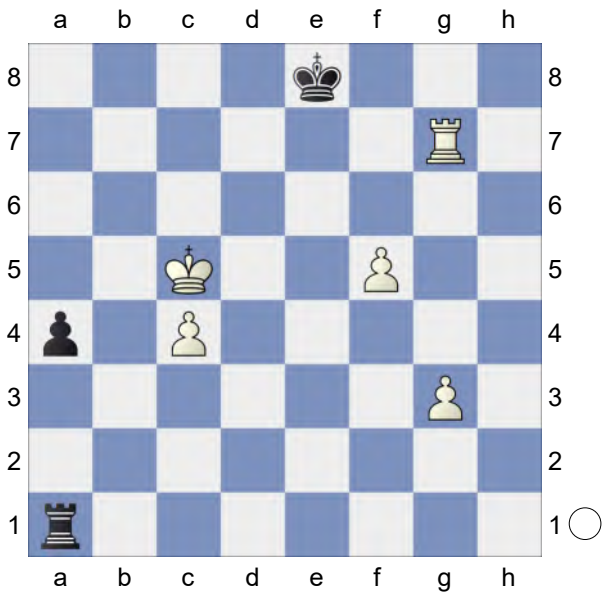
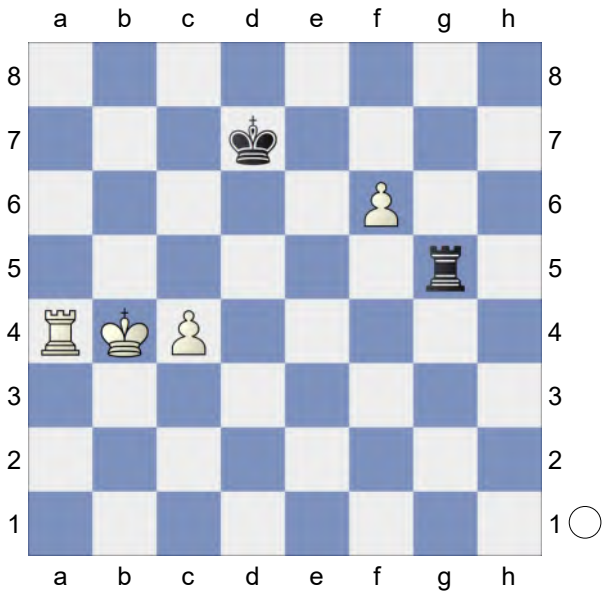


41.g4 Rf1 42.Ra7 Rg1 43.Rxa4 Rxg4 44.f6 Rg5+ 45.Kb4 Kd7



46.f7 Ke7

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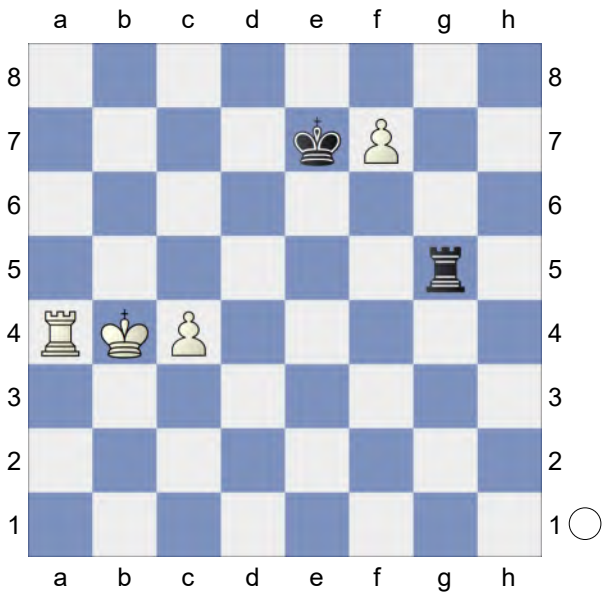
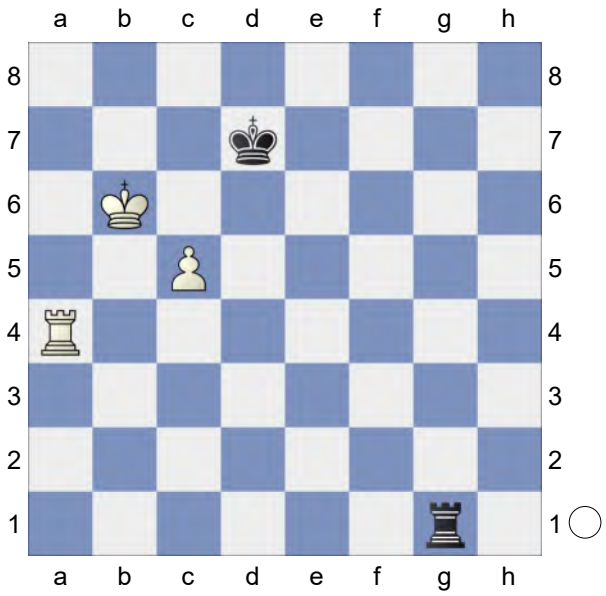


47.f8Q+! Kxf8 48.c5 Ke7 49.Kb5 Rg1 50.Kb6 Kd7



51.c6+ Kd6 52.Rd4+ Ke7 53.c7 Rb1+ 54.Ka6 Ra1+ 55.Kb7

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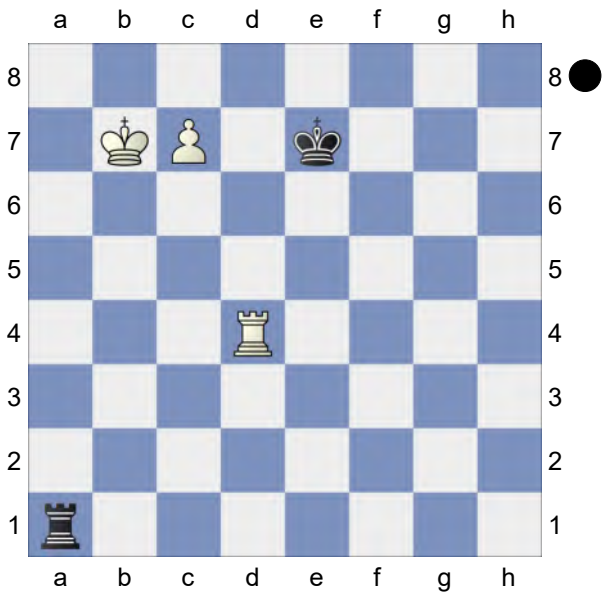
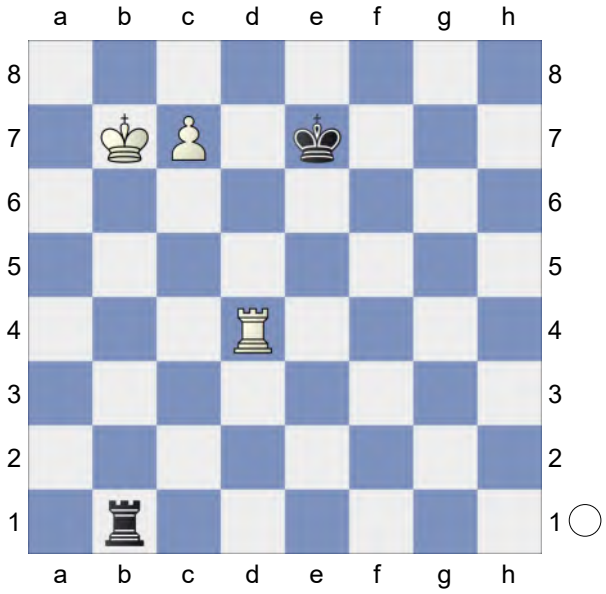


Rb1+



56.Kc8 Rb3 57.Ra4 Ra7 would kill now. **57...Rc3 58.Rb4** White mates. **58...Kd6 59.Rb7 Rc4 60.Kb8 Rxc7**

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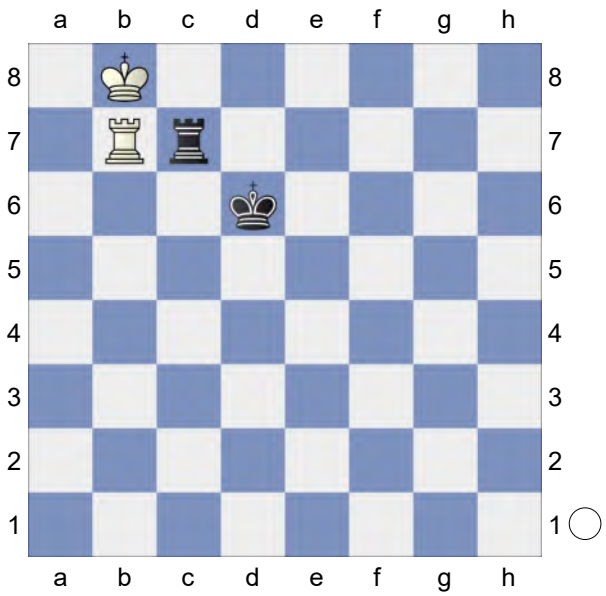
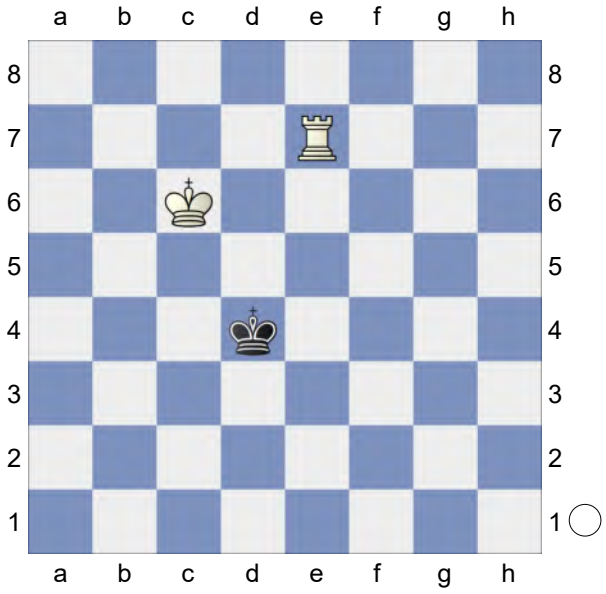


61.Rxc7 KR-K **61...Kd5 62.Kb7 Ke4 63.Re7+ Kd5 64.Kc7 Kc4 65.Kc6 Kd4**



66.Re8 Kc3 67.Kd5 Kd3 68.Kc5 Kc2 69.Rd8 Kc3 70.Kb5 Kb2

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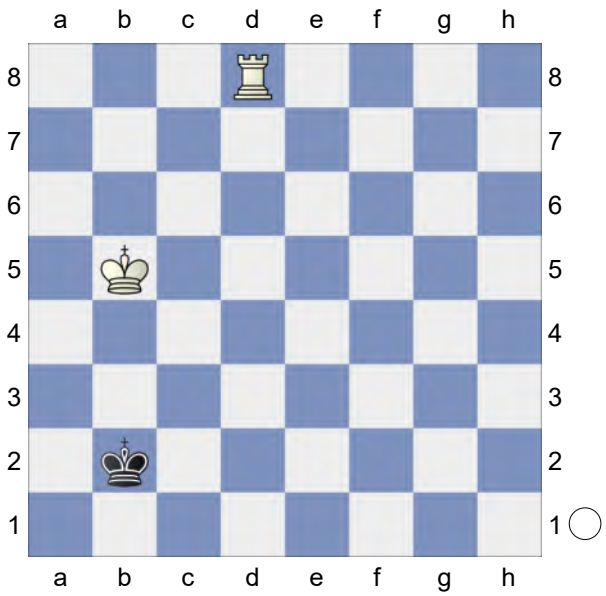
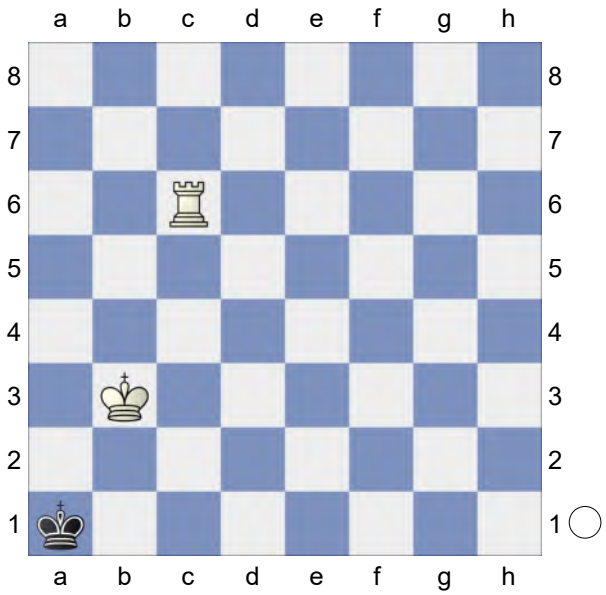


71.Kc4 Kc2 72.Kb4 Kb2 73.Rc8 Ka1 74.Kb3 Kb1 75.Rc6 Ka1



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76.Rc1#

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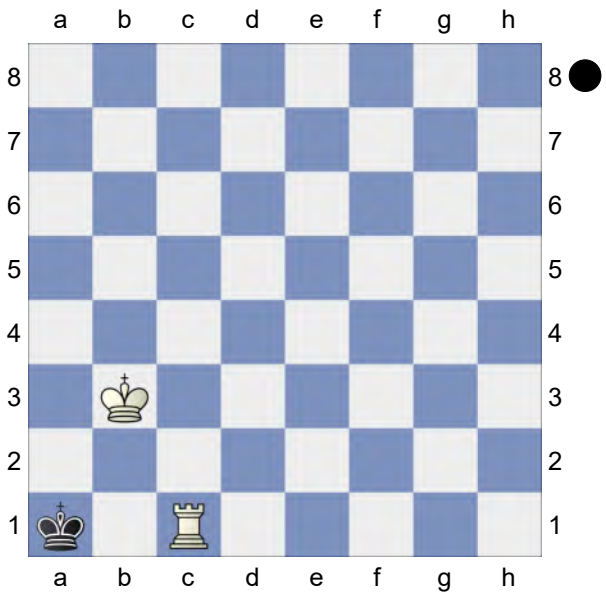

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54 **A40**

□ **Powerfulll** **2775**

■ **Monkey_King** **2612**

Blitz 06.10.2022

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.g3 Bg4**

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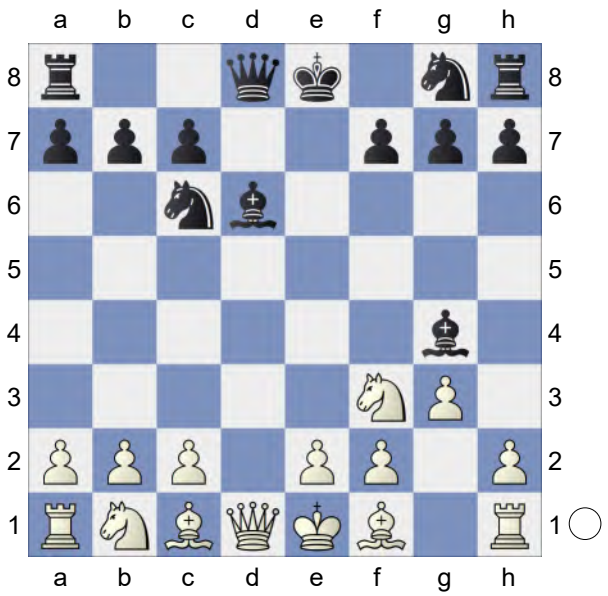

6.Bg2 Qe7 7.0-0N 0.77/18
[⌓7.Bg5 1.14/18 Nf6 8.c3]
[7.c3 0-0-0 8.Qa4 Nf6 9.0-0 h5 10.Bg5 h4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qxg4+ Kb8 13.Nbd2 hxg3 14.hxg3 Qh6 15.Rfd1 Bc5 16.Ne4 Bb6 17.Qg5 Qh7 18.Nc5 f6 19.Qe3 Rde8 20.Nd7+ Ka8 21.Nxb6+ axb6 1-0 (32) Lets Go Argentina (2580)-Is Er Nog Hoop (2585) Blitz 2024]
7...0-0-0± 8.Bg5 -0.04/19
[8.Nbd2± 0.72/17]
8...f6= 9.Bd2 h5 10.Nc3 -0.48/19
[10.h3= 0.00/18]
10...h4 -0.06/21
[10...Qe6∓ -0.48/19]

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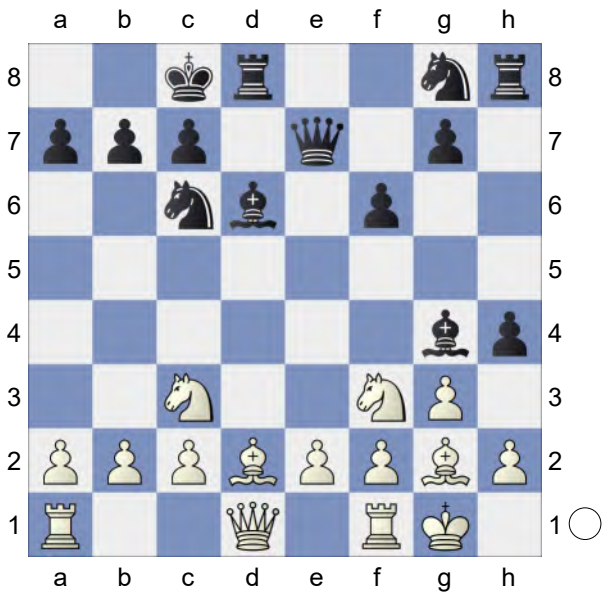
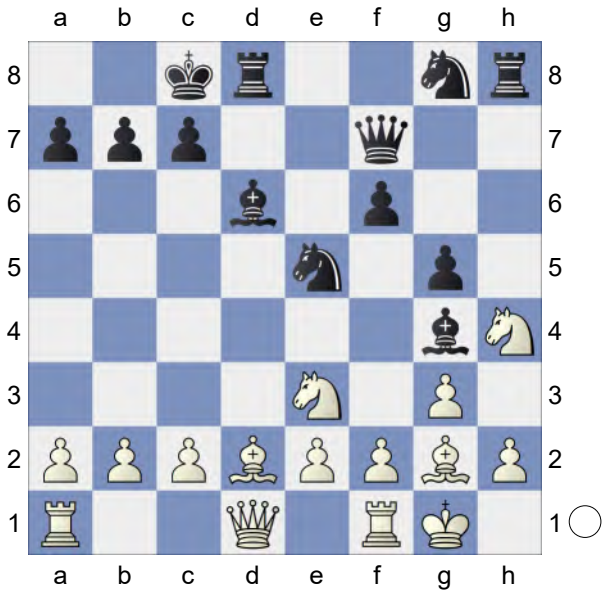
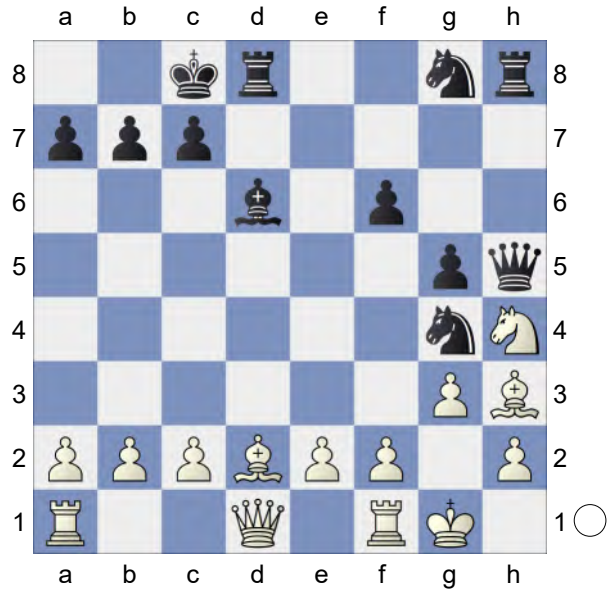


11.Nxh4 Ne5 0.31/19 Prevents Ng6.
[11...Qf7= -0.06/21 was preferable.]
12.Nd5 -0.30/19
[12.Be3!± 0.31/19]
12...Qf7 0.27/18
[⌓12...Qe6 -0.30/19 13.c4 g5]
13.Ne3 -0.11/17
[⌓13.Bc3 0.27/18]
13...g5? 1.47/19
[Better is 13...Be6!= -0.11/17]

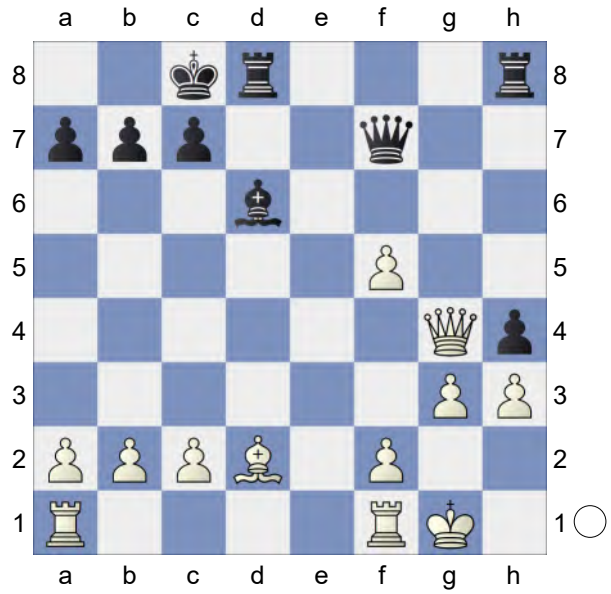


14.Nxg4± Nxg4 15.Bh3? -0.75/20
[15.Nf3+- 2.21/19]

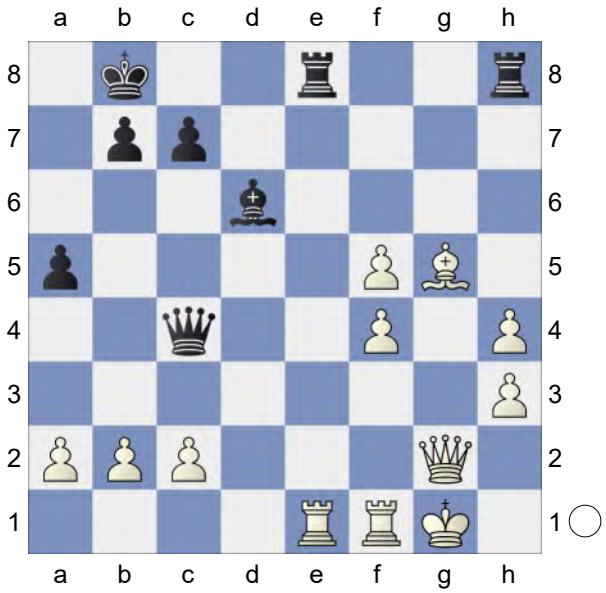
15...Qh5 0.19/17
[15...gxh4∓ -0.75/20 16.Bxg4+ f5]



16.e4= f5 17.exf5 N8f6 18.Bxg4 Nxg4 19.h3! gxh4 20.Qxg4 Qf7 3.62/18
[20...hxg3= 0.00/19 21.f6+ Qxg4 22.hxg4 gxf2+ 23.Kg2 Rh2+ 24.Kf3 Rh3+ 25.Kg2 *(25.Kxf2 Rh2+ 26.Ke3 Bc5+ 27.Ke4 Rhxd2∓)* 25...Rh2+]

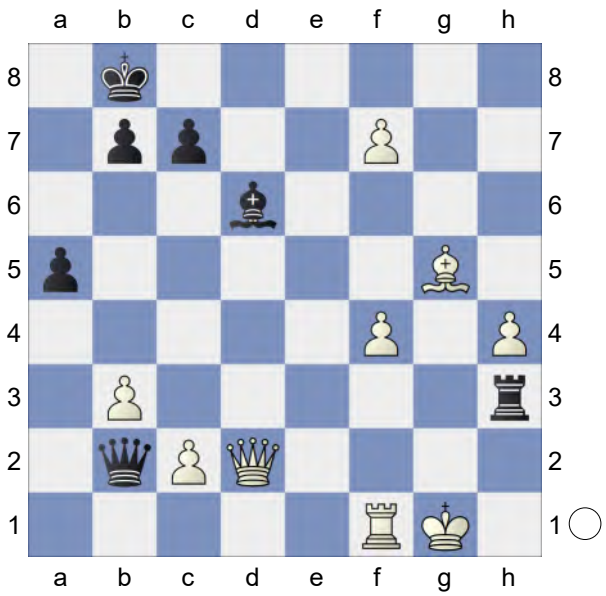


21.Bg5+- Rdg8 22.gxh4 Kb8 23.f4 Re8 24.Rae1 Qc4 25.Qg2 And now f6 would win.
[25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Qd1 Qc5+ 27.Kg2 Qxf5]
25...a5 3.67/17
[⌓25...Qc5+ 2.52/16 26.Kh1 Qxf5 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8]

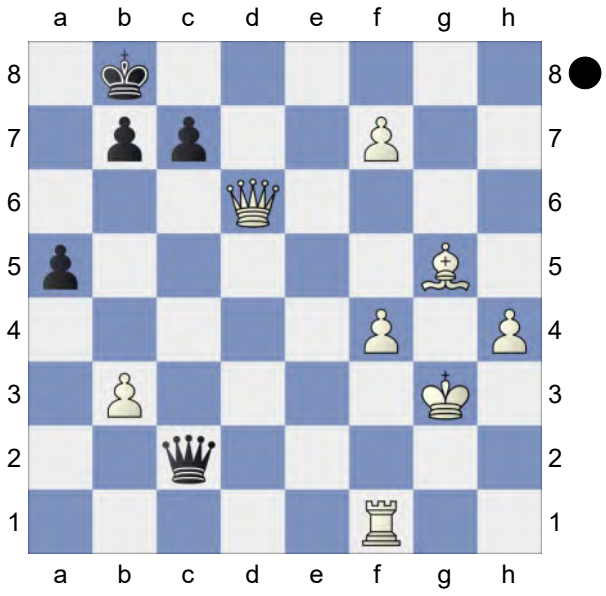


26.f6
[26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Kh2 Qxa2+-]
26...Qxa2 27.b3
[Don't play 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.b3 a4+-]
27...Qb2 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.f7 Re3 5.40/17
[29...Rc8 3.36/18 30.Re1 Qd4+ 31.Kh2 Bxf4+ 32.Kh1 Bd6]
30.Qd2 White is clearly winning.
30...Rxh3

(Diagram)



31.Qxd6!! Remove Defender, Promotion
31...Rg3+
[31...cxd6 32.f8Q+]
32.Kh2 Qxc2+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.90
33.Kxg3



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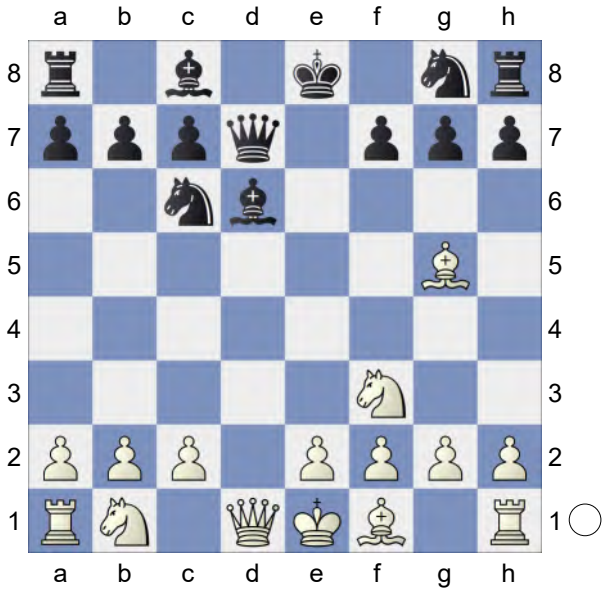
55 **A40**
□ **BlueGreensun** **2759**
■ **basheriyti1995** **2662**
Blitz 19.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6



6.Nc3
[6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ng4 20.Bxg4 Bxg4 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
6...Qf5N 1.96/18 Wards off Nb5
[6...h6± 1.57/16 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.Nb5 Nf5 9.Nxd6+ Nxd6 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Qxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Rhe8 15.e3 Ne5 16.f3 f5 17.e4 Re7 18.Re1 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rde8 20.Bd3 Nxd3+ 21.cxd3 Be6 1-0 (69) The Magnificent Bob (2994)-Hoon (2842) Rapid 2024]

[6...f6 7.Bh4 Qf7 *(7...b6 8.Bg3 Bb7 9.Bxd6 cxd6 10.e3 Nge7 11.Bc4 0-0-0 12.Qd2 Ne5 13.Be2 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qc6 16.Qe2 Rhe8 17.0-0-0 d5 18.Qa6+ Kb8 19.Nb5 Rd7 20.Nd4 Qc7 21.Kb1 Ng6 22.f4* 1-0 (55) Cieslak,P (2374)-Baradaran Tamadon,A (2304) Abu Dhabi Masters Online blitz 2024 (4)) 8.e3 Bg4 9.Qd5 Be6 10.Qe4 0-0-0 11.Bb5 Nge7 12.0-0-0 Bxa2 13.Nxa2 Qxa2 14.Qa4 Qxa4 15.Bxa4 a6 16.c3 h5 17.Bg3 Bxg3 18.Rxd8+ Nxd8 19.hxg3 g6 20.g4 f5 21.gxh5 1-0 (81) Mrsok (2628)-Elkadi74 (2637) Blitz 2024]

7.e4+- Qa5 2.68/19

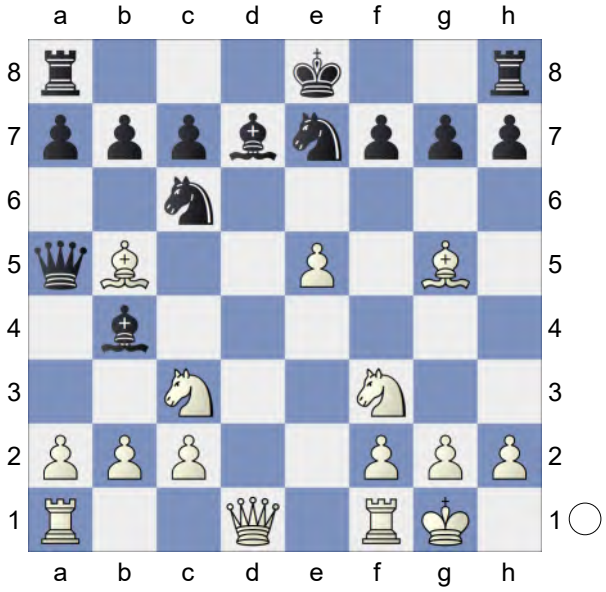
[7...Qg6 1.83/17 8.Qd2 Bb4]

8.Bb5 White has a decisive advantage.

8...Bd7 9.0-0 Nge7 3.48/19

[⌓9...a6 2.46/18]

10.e5 Bb4

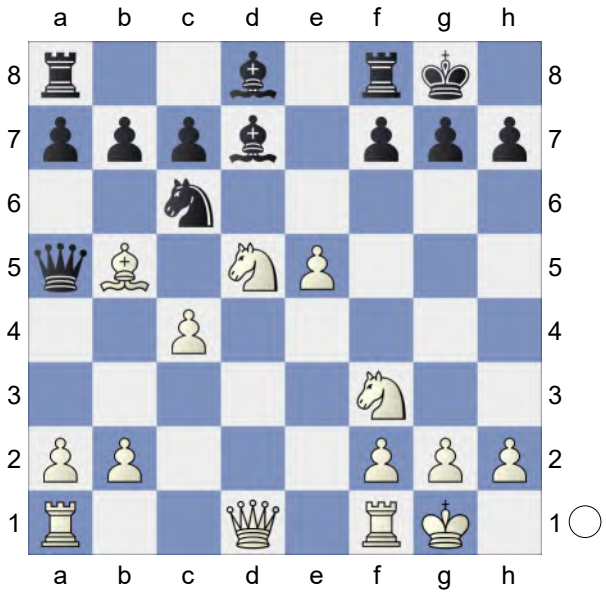


11.Bxe7 Bxe7 12.Nd5 And now a3! would win. **12...Bd8?** 3.99/20

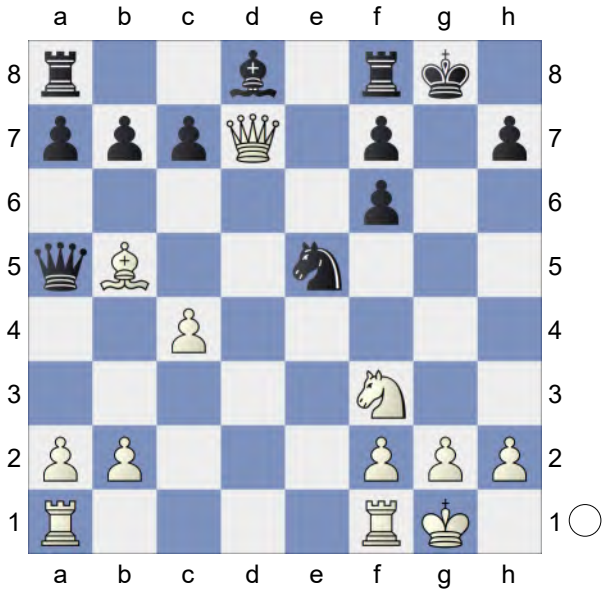
[12...a6 2.16/16]

13.c4 0-0? 3.97/20

[13...a6 2.46/18]



14.Nf6+? 1.53/20 **gxf6± 15.Qxd7 Nxe5**



16.Qf5 0.00/22

[16.Nxe5± 1.57/25 fxe5 17.Qg4+ Kh8 18.Bd7]

16...c6= 17.Rad1? -2.11/20

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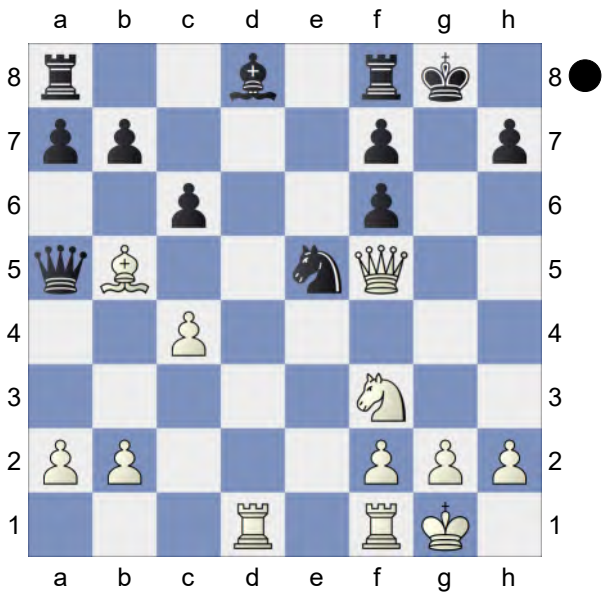

cxb5? -0.53/16
[Black should try 17...Ng6!-+ -2.11/20 18.h4 *(18.b4? Qxb4 19.a3 Qa5-+ Pin)* 18...cxb5]
This move loses the game for White.
18.Rd4? -3.44/19
[Only move: 18.Nxe5∓ -0.53/16 fxe5 19.Rd6]
18...Ng6
[18...Qxa2 19.Nxe5 fxe5 20.Rg4+ *(20.Qxe5 f5=)* 20...Kh8 21.Qxe5+ f6 22.Qd6+-]
[18...Nxc4 19.Rg4+ Kh8 20.Rh4 h6 21.Rxh6+ Kg8 22.Qh7#]
[18...Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 bxc4 *(19...Qxa2? 20.Kh1+-)* 20.Rd5∓]
19.h4 bxc4
[Weaker is 19...Qxa2 20.h5∓]
20.Rd5 Qb6

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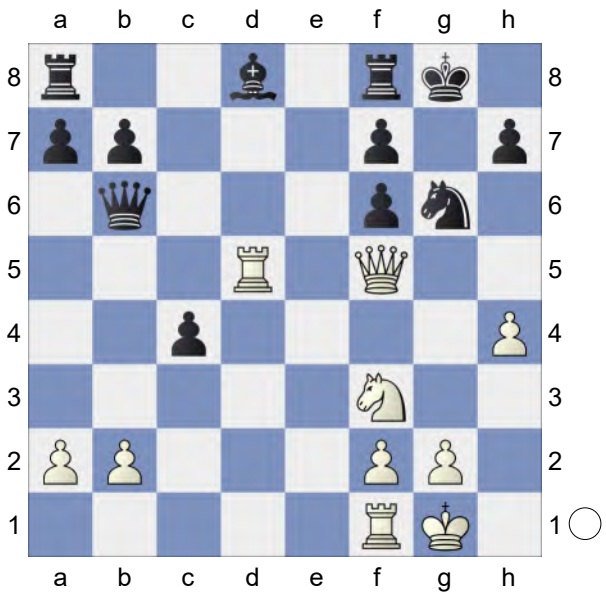
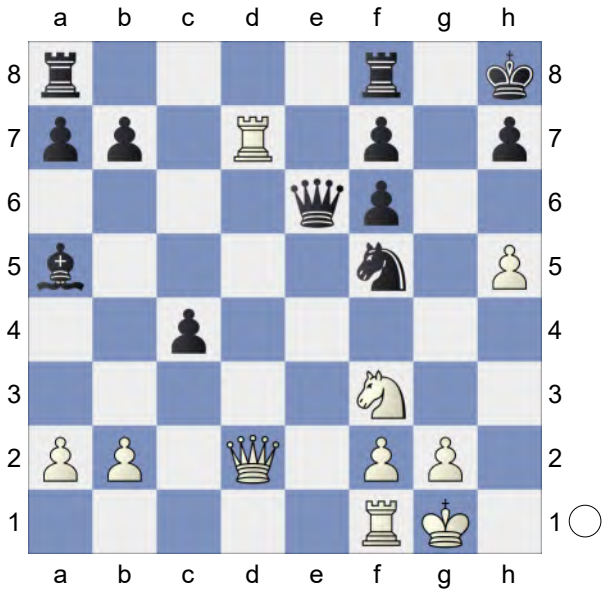


21.h5 Ne7 22.Qg4+ Kh8 23.Rd7 Qe6 24.Qd4 -4.34/20
[24.Qxe6 -3.07/18 was called for. fxe6 25.Rxb7]
24...Nf5 25.Qd2 Ba5



26.Rd1 -8.94/20
[⌓26.Qd5 -4.08/19]
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26...Bxd2

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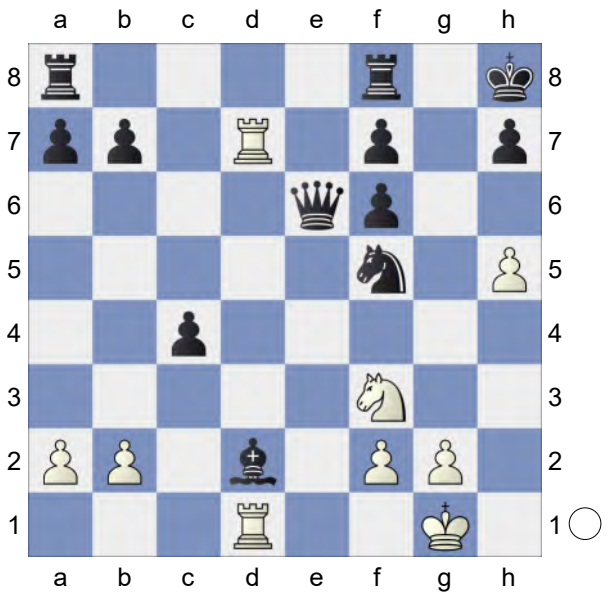

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56 **A40**
□ **gg-gm-gmg** **2805**
■ **PchelkinVK** **2684**
Blitz 28.10.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.exd6 Bxd6 5.Nc3 Bg4**

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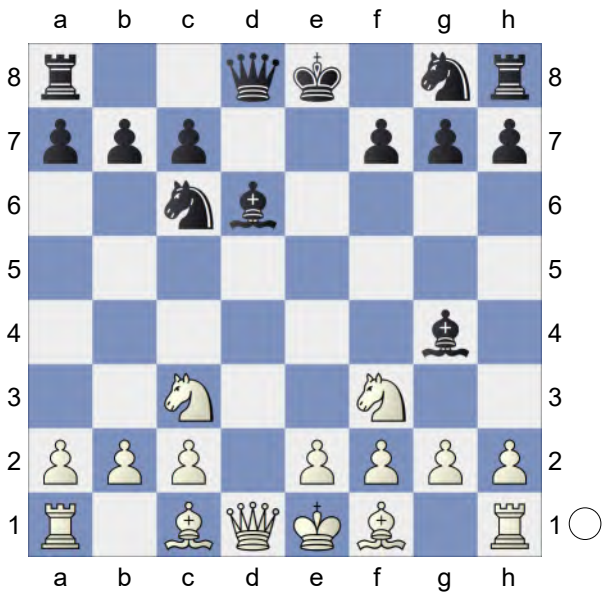

6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 0.82/18
[⌓7.Be3 1.29/19]
7...Qe7± 8.e3 0.32/17
[8.Nd4± 0.90/20]
8...0-0-0± 9.Bd3N
[9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6 21.Ke3 c6 22.f4 Nc8 23.Ne2 Nd6 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]
9...Nh6 10.Qe2 Bb4

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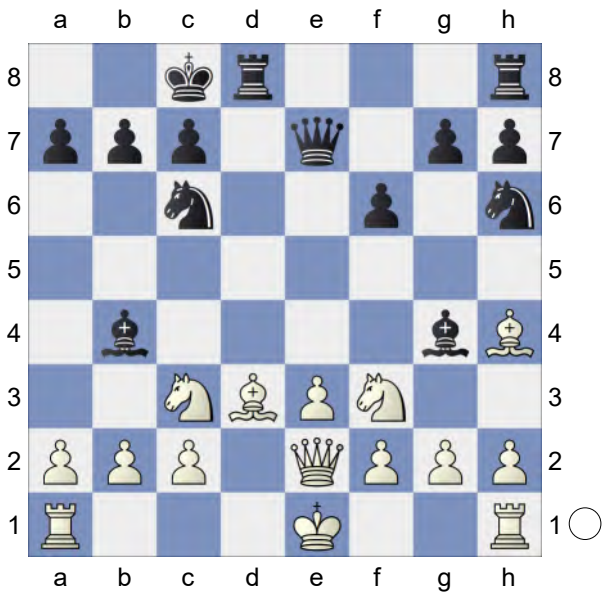
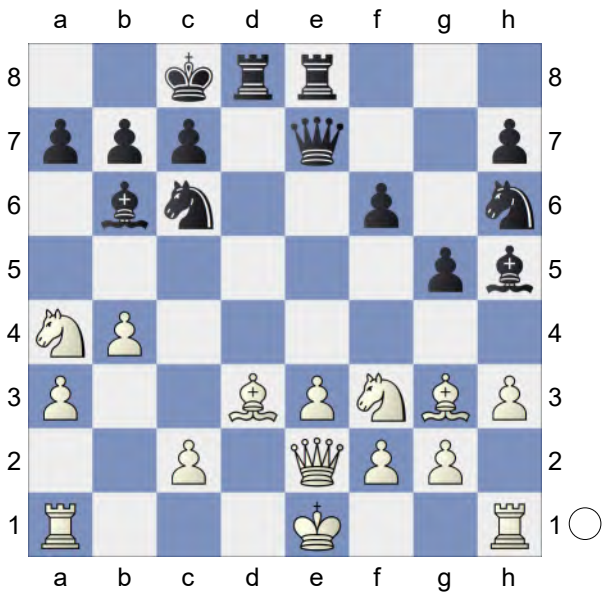


11.h3 -0.25/22
[11.0-0 0.24/18 might be stronger.]
11...Bh5 0.42/17
[11...Bxf3= -0.25/22 12.gxf3 *(12.Qxf3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Ne5∓)* 12...Qc5]
12.Bg3 -0.04/18
[12.0-0± 0.42/17]
12...g5 0.72/16
[12...Nf7= -0.04/18]
13.a3 Ba5 1.33/18
[13...Bxc3+± 0.42/18 14.bxc3 Qc5]
14.b4 Bb6 15.Na4 0.54/17
[15.h4± 1.39/18 Threatens to win with hxg5. g4 16.Nd2]
15...Rhe8

(Diagram)



16.Nxb6+ axb6 17.0-0↑ -0.01/18
White has the initiative.
[17.Rd1± 0.42/20]
17...Nf7 0.81/19
[17...Nd4!= -0.01/18 keeps the balance. 18.Qd1 *(18.exd4 Qxe2 19.Bxe2 Rxe2=)* 18...Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Qe6]
18.Bf5+ 0.31/19
[18.Bxh7 Nd4 19.Qe1 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Nd6-+ *(20...Bxf3 21.Bg6∓)*]
[18.Rfe1± 0.81/19]
18...Kb8 19.Rfd1 -0.45/20
[19.Bxh7 Nd4 20.Qe1 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Ne5-+ *(21...Bxf3? 22.Qc3-+; 21...Nd6 22.Bd3∓)*]
[19.c3= 0.30/22]

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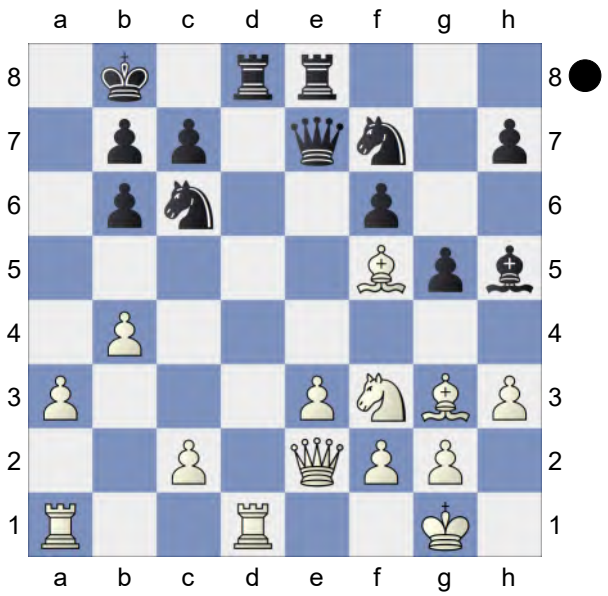
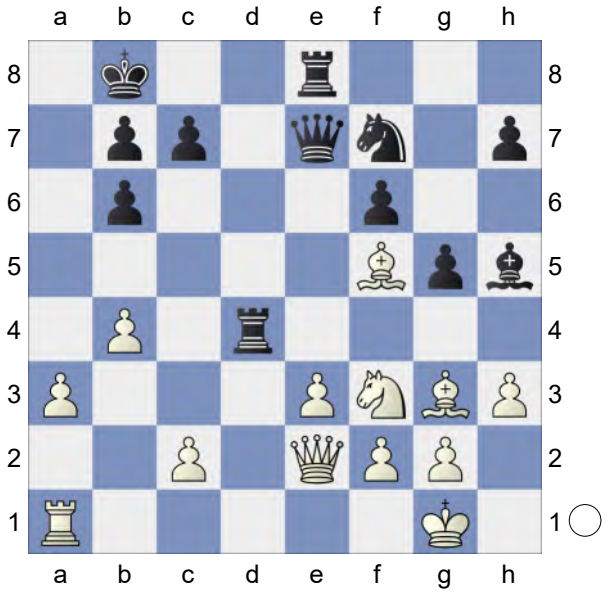


Against Nd4 **19...Nd4!∓ 20.Rxd4 Rxd4**



21.Qb5 -0.63/22
[21.Qf1!= -0.23/20 Rdd8 22.Nd4]

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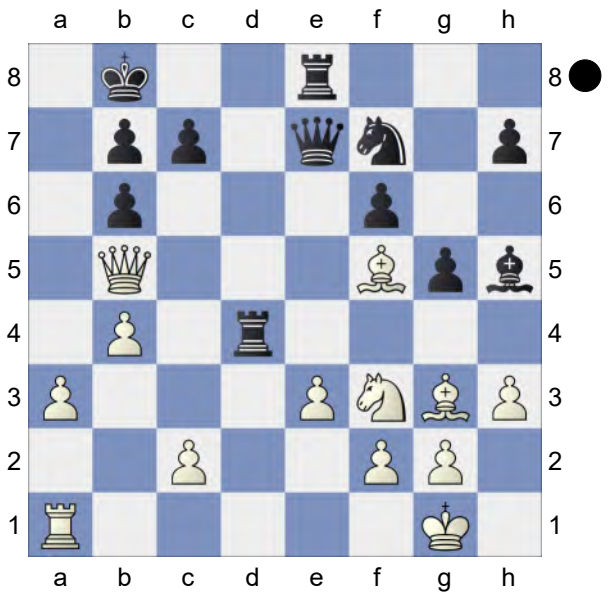
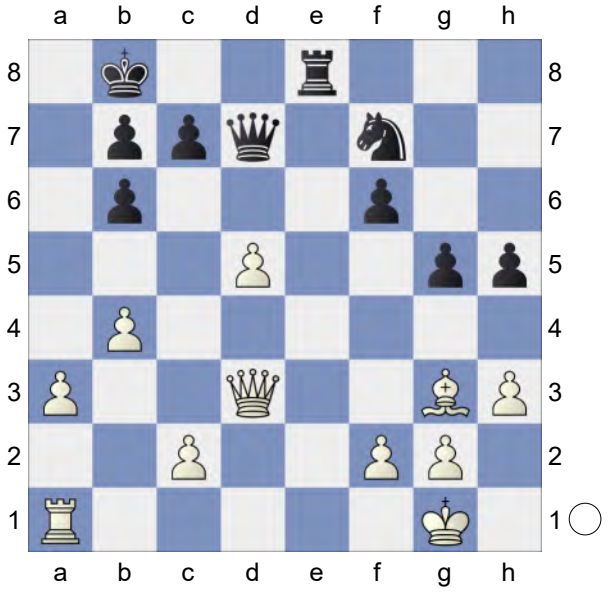


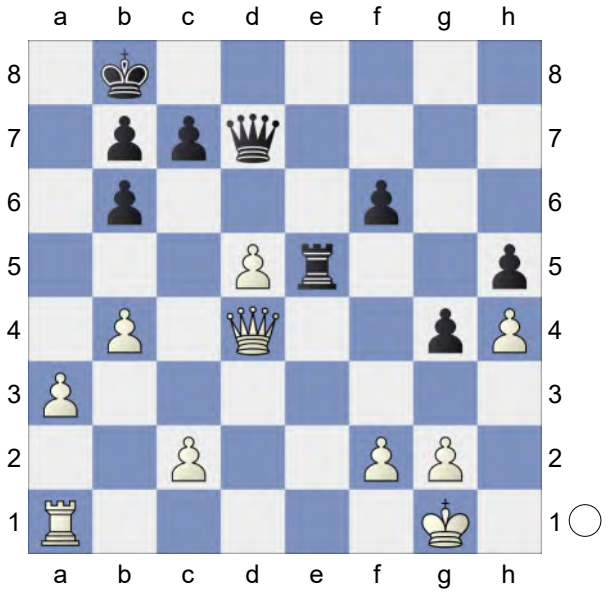
21...Bxf3? 2.72/21 **22.exd4+- Bc6 23.Qd3 h5 24.d5 Bd7 25.Bxd7** 1.41/18
[25.Bg6+- 1.83/20]
25...Qxd7±



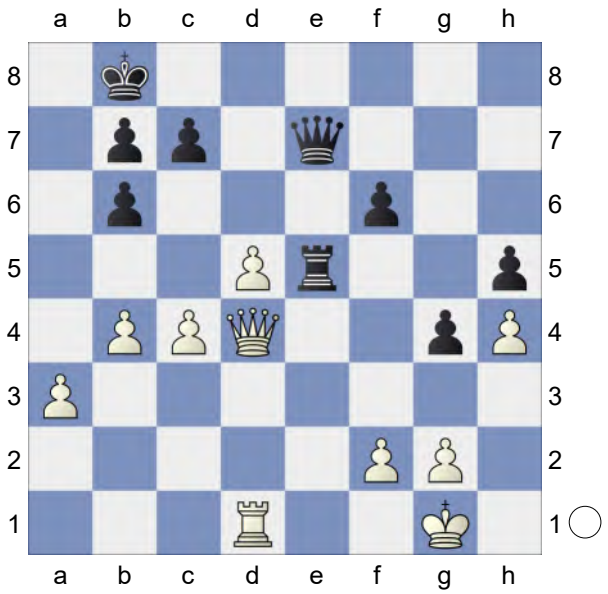
26.h4 0.79/22
[26.Rd1 1.41/20]
26...Ne5 1.47/21
[⌓26...gxh4 0.79/22 27.Bxh4 Ne5]
27.Qd4 g4 3.98/19
[27...gxh4± 1.33/17 28.Qxh4 *(28.Bxh4 Rg8±)* 28...Qf5]
28.Bxe5 2.22/22

[⌓28.c4 3.98/19]

28...Rxe5+- Endgame



KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **29.Rd1! Qd6 30.c4 Qe7**



31.c5? 0.63/27

[White should play 31.d6+- 3.21/20 cxd6 32.Qxd6+ *(32.Qxb6 Re1+ 33.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 34.Kh2 Kc8±)* 32...Qc7 33.Qxf6]

31...Re4 1.02/25

[31...bxc5± 0.63/27 32.bxc5 Re4]

32.Qd2 0.45/23

[32.Qc3± 1.02/25 bxc5 33.bxc5]

32...bxc5± 33.bxc5 Qxc5 34.Rc1 -0.75/21

[34.d6± 0.45/23 cxd6 35.Qxd6+ Qxd6 36.Rxd6]

34...Qd6 -0.02/22 Black is more active.

[Better is 34...Qxa3∓ -0.75/21 Strongly threatening ...g3. 35.Qh6 Rd4 *(35...g3 36.fxg3 b6 37.d6=)*]

35.Qb2? -2.02/24

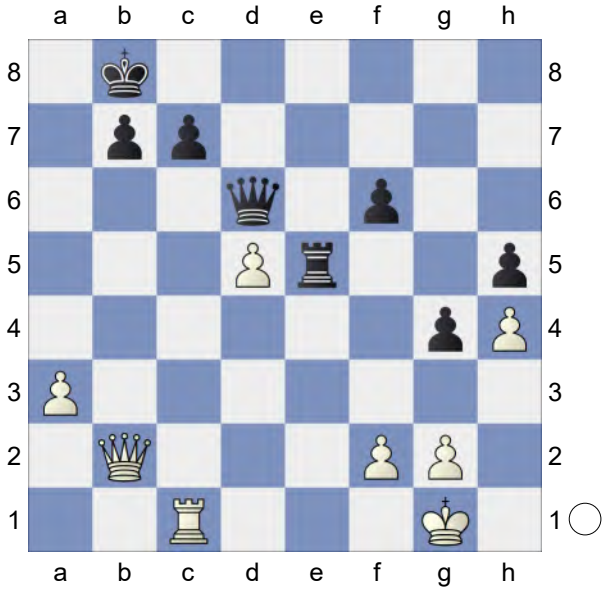
[35.Rd1= -0.02/22]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.52

35...Re5 -0.62/20

[Weaker is 35...Qxd5 36.Qxf6 Re8 37.g3=]

[35...g3!-+ -2.02/24 36.Rb1 gxf2+ *(36...Qxd5 37.fxg3 Rd4 38.Qe2=)* 37.Qxf2 Rf4 *(37...Qxa3 38.Qxf6 Qc5+ 39.Kh1∓)*]



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57 **A40**
□ **BenjaminBokTwitch** **2769**
■ **PchelkinVK** **2522**
Blitz 10.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Nc3**

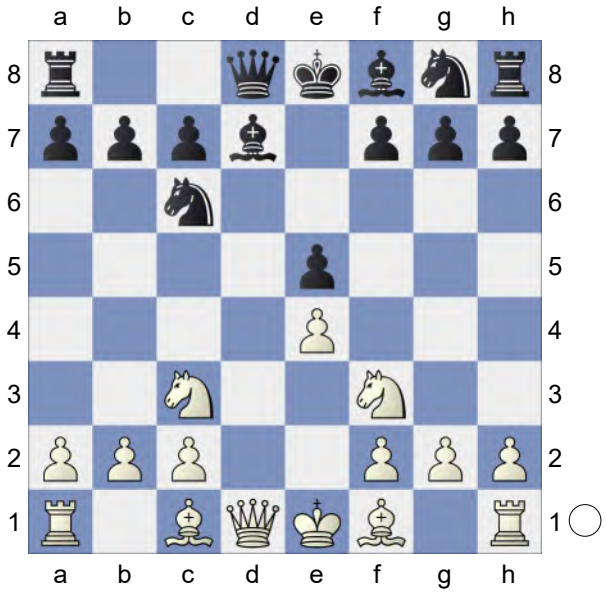
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4...Bd7N

[4...Bg4 5.exd6 *(5.Bg5 Qd7 6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4* 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024 *)* 5...Bxd6 6.e4 Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxd6 a4 18.Qc4 Rfc8 19.Bf4 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]

[4...Nxe5 5.Nxe5 dxe5 6.Qxd8+ Kxd8 7.Bg5+ f6 8.0-0-0+ Bd7 9.Bh4 Kc8 10.e4 Be6 11.a3 h5 12.f3 Bc5 13.Be2 Ne7 14.Rhf1 a6 15.Bf2 Bxf2 16.Rxf2 b5 17.g3 h4 18.f4 hxg3 19.hxg3 ½-½ (27) Ruslann88 (2440)-Ankitsingh2212 (2662) Rapid 2024]

5.e4 dxe5

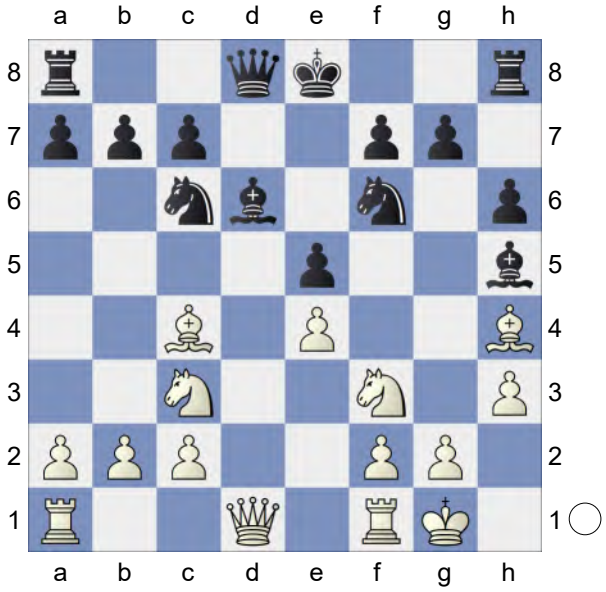


6.Bc4 Bd6 7.0-0 0.38/23

[7.Ng5± 0.75/18 Nh6 8.0-0]

7...Nf6± 8.Bg5 White is slightly better.

8...h6 9.Bh4 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5



11.g4 Bg6 12.Nd5 -0.51/18

[12.Qe2± 0.32/19]

12...Bxe4 0.22/22

[12...h5!∓ -0.51/18 13.Bxf6 gxf6]

13.Bxf6 -0.62/19

[13.Re1= 0.22/22 g5 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6

15.Rxe4 gxh4 16.Bb5]

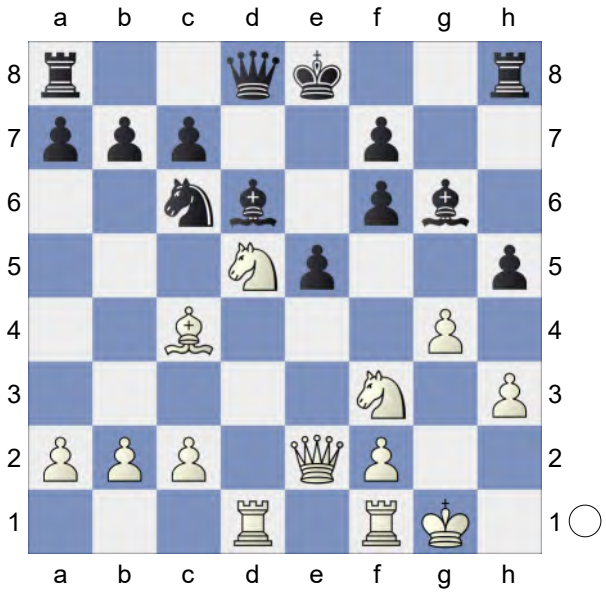
13...gxf6∓ 14.Qe2 -1.33/19

[Better is 14.Re1!∓ -0.62/17 f5 15.Nc3]

14...Bg6 -0.87/17 A strong pair of Bishops.

[14...Bxd5 -1.33/19 15.Bxd5 h5 16.Bxc6+ bxc6]

15.Rad1 h5



aiming for ...hxg4. **16.Nh4 Kf8** 0.00/20

[Black should try 16...f5!∓ -1.37/18 17.Nxg6 *(17.Nxf5 Bxf5 18.gxf5 Qh4∓)* 17...fxg6 18.gxf5 gxf5]

17.c3 -1.11/21

[17.f4= 0.00/20]

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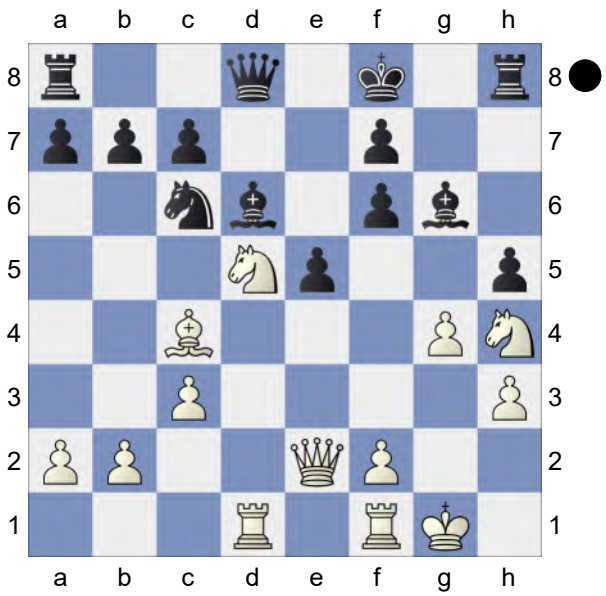


17...Kg7 0.15/18

[17...hxg4!∓ -1.11/21 18.Nxg6+ *(18.Qxg4? Bh5-+ Skewer)* 18...fxg6 19.hxg4 f5]

18.Qf3 -0.56/17

[18.Nf5+= 0.15/18 Bxf5 19.gxf5]

18...hxg4 19.Qxg4 -2.90/20

[White has to play 19.Nf5+∓ -0.66/19 Bxf5 20.Qxf5]

19...Qc8 -1.39/18

[19...Rh5-+ -2.90/20 is more deadly. 20.Nxg6 fxg6 *(20...Rg5 21.Nh4∓)*]

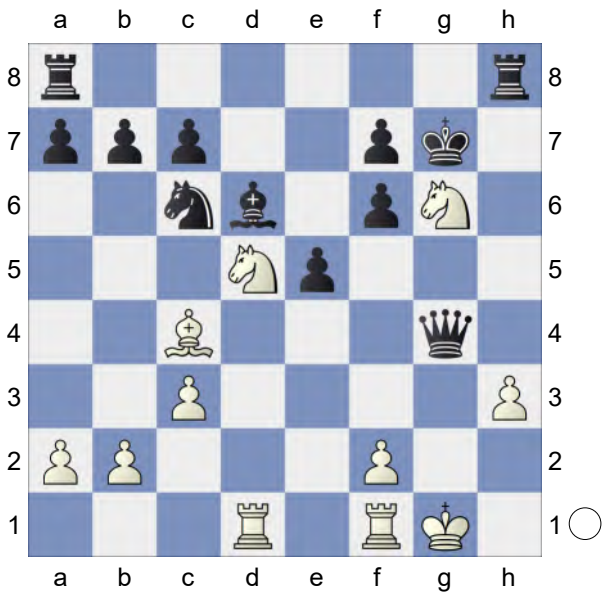
20.Nxg6 -2.26/23

[20.Qg3∓ -1.39/18]

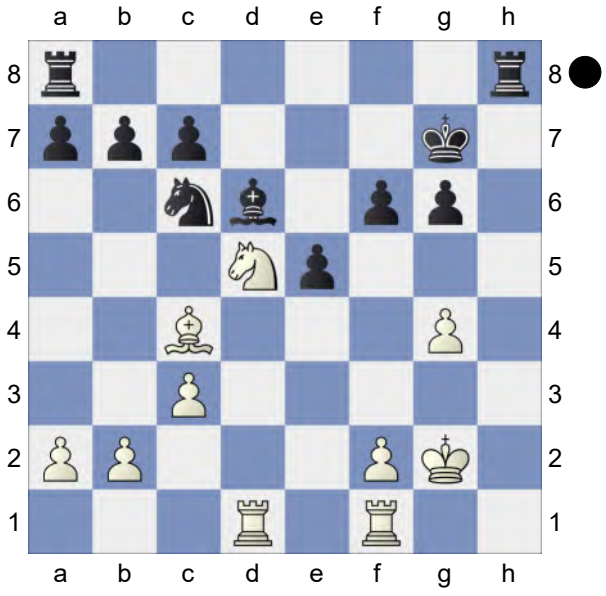
20...Qxg4+? -0.33/22

[20...fxg6-+ -2.26/23 21.Qf3 Qd8 *(21...Qxh3 22.Qxf6+ Kh6 23.Rd3=)*]

(Diagram)

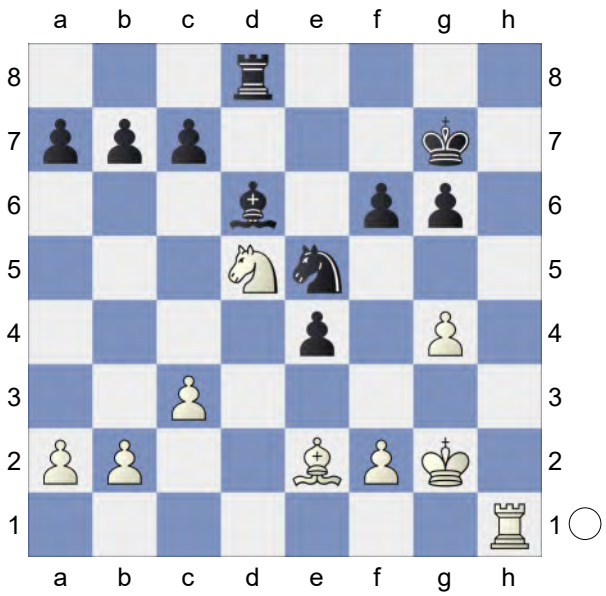


21.hxg4 fxg6 22.Kg2? -1.98/21
[22.g5!= -0.22/22]



22...e4!-+ **23.Rh1** Repels Rh2+. Strongly threatening Nxc7!. **23...Ne5**
24.Be2 Rxh1 25.Rxh1 Rd8 -1.33/18
[25...Nf7-+ -1.83/18 26.Ne3 Bf4]

(Diagram)



26.Nf4∓ **Re8** Prevents Ne6+ **27.b4** -2.28/20
[27.Nd5 -1.70/19 is a better defense.]
27...Nf7-+ 28.Bc4? -4.39/20
[28.Nd5 -2.28/17]
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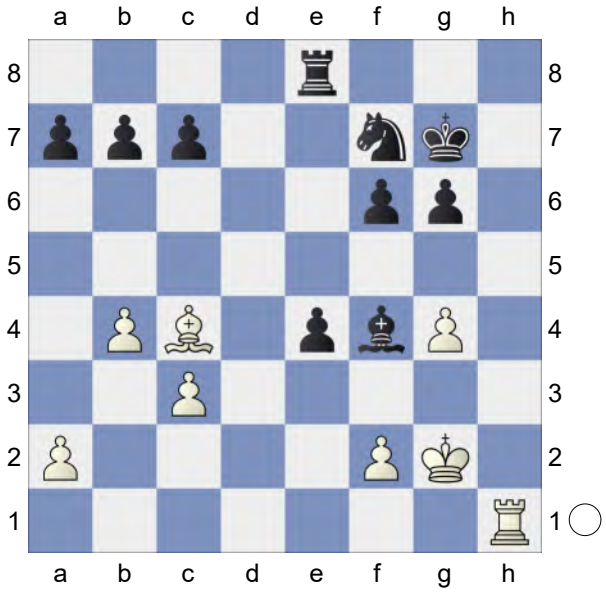
28...Bxf4



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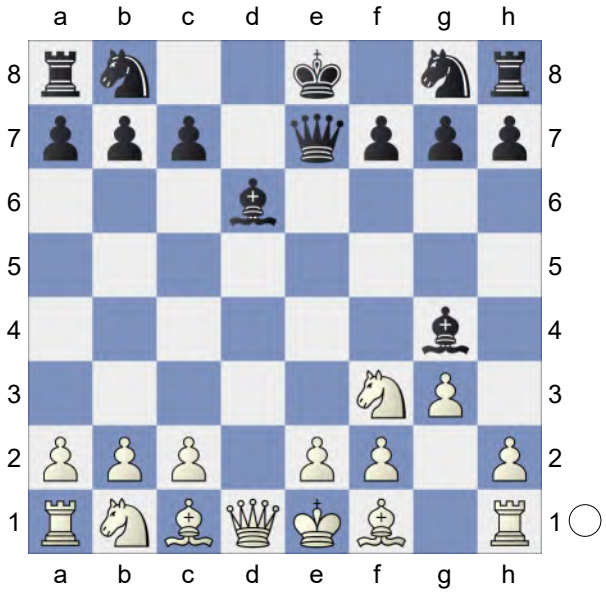
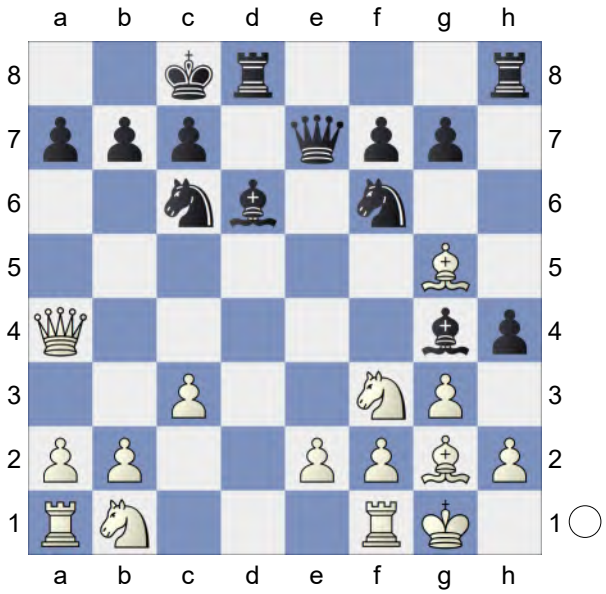
58 **A40**
□ **Lets_Go_Argentina** **2580**
■ **is_er_nog_hoop** **2585**
Blitz 21.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6**
[2...Nc6 3.Nf3 Qe7 4.Bf4 Qb4+ 5.Bd2 Qxb2 6.Nc3 Kd8 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.Rb3 Qe7 9.Bf4 Qe8 10.e3 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Bb5 d6 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.exd4 Kc8 17.Qf3 0-1 (63) Blasovszky,I-Almasi,Z (2340) op Kobanya 1991 (5)]
3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Qe7N
[4...Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1 ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986 Qxc3+ 20.Kf1 Rxd4 21.Bxd4 Qxd4 22.Rd1 Qf6 23.Qe3 Qc6 24.Bd5 Qa6+ 25.Kg2 Nf6 26.Qc3 Re8 27.Bf3 Ne4 28.Rhe1 Qa4 29.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 30.f3 Bc6 31.Rxe8+ Bxe8 32.Re1 Qd7 33.Qe5 Kd8 34.Re2 ½-½ (39) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0223 www.desc-online.de 1999]
[4...Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 19.Rd6 ½-½ (54) Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) V0041 www.desc-online.de 1999]
5.g3 Bg4

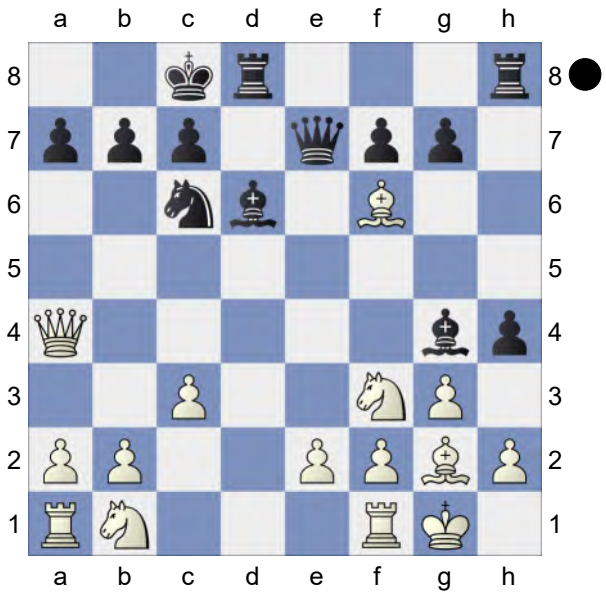


6.Bg2 Nc6 7.c3 0-0-0 8.Qa4
White is better. **8...Nf6** 1.45/19
[⌓8...h5 1.04/19]
9.0-0 0.68/19
[9.Bg5± 1.45/19 Black must now prevent Bxf6. Bf5 10.Nbd2]
9...h5 10.Bg5 h4? 4.30/18
[10...Qxe2± 1.00/17 11.Nbd2 a6]



A mistake that costs the game.
11.Bxf6+-

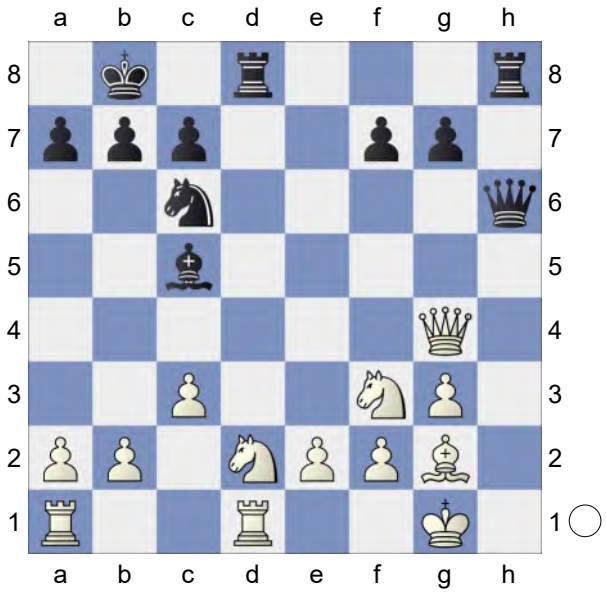
[11.Bxh4 Rxh4 12.gxh4 *(12.Nxh4 Qxe2 13.Bxc6 bxc6+-)* 12...Rh8±]



Remove Defender **11...Qxf6 12.Qxg4+ Kb8 13.Nbd2**

[13.gxh4 Ne5 14.Qg5 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Qe6+-]

13...hxg3 14.hxg3 Qh6 15.Rfd1 Bc5



16.Ne4 Bb6 17.Qg5 Qh7 18.Nc5 f6 19.Qe3 Rde8 20.Nd7+ Ka8

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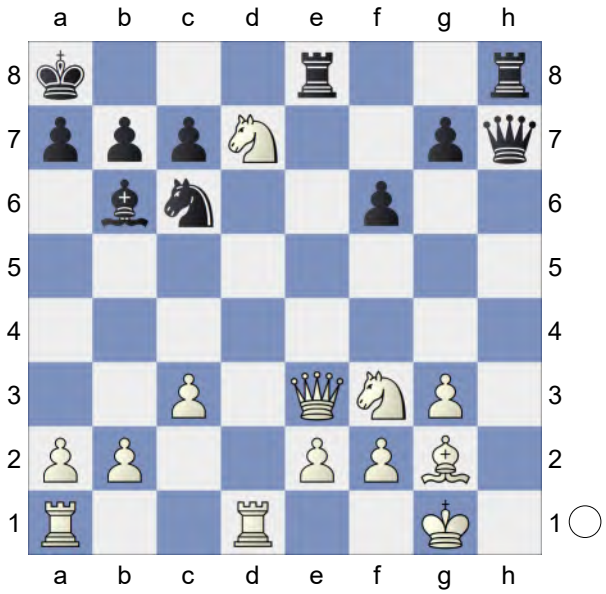
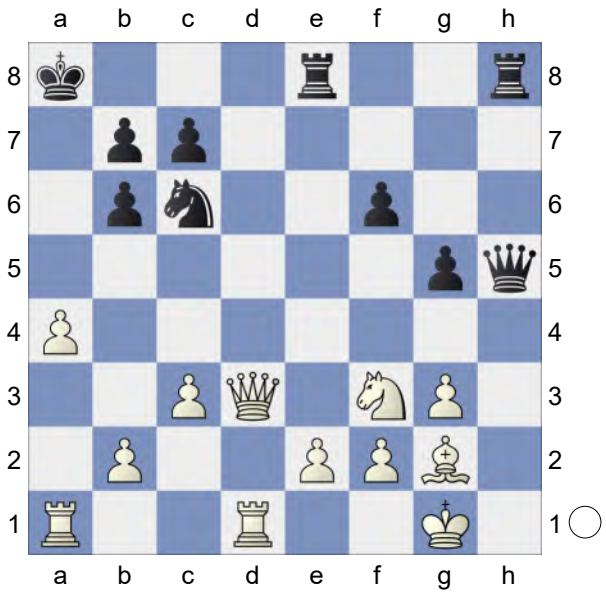


21.Nxb6+ axb6 22.Qd3 Qh5 23.a4 g5 7.75/18

[⌓23...Kb8 4.60/15 24.Rd2 g6]



24.a5! bxa5

[24...Nxa5 25.b4]

25.Qb5 Rd5 would now be deadly.

25...Kb8

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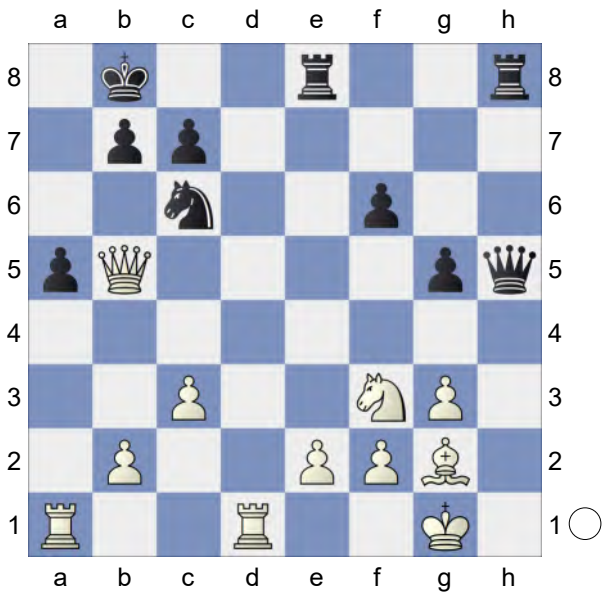
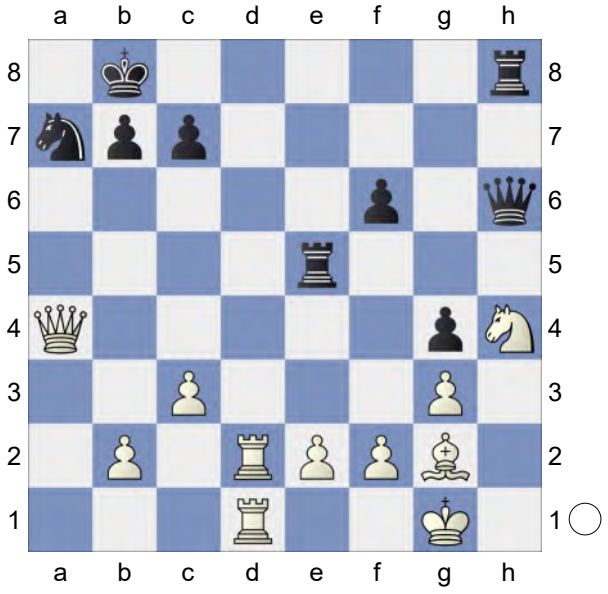
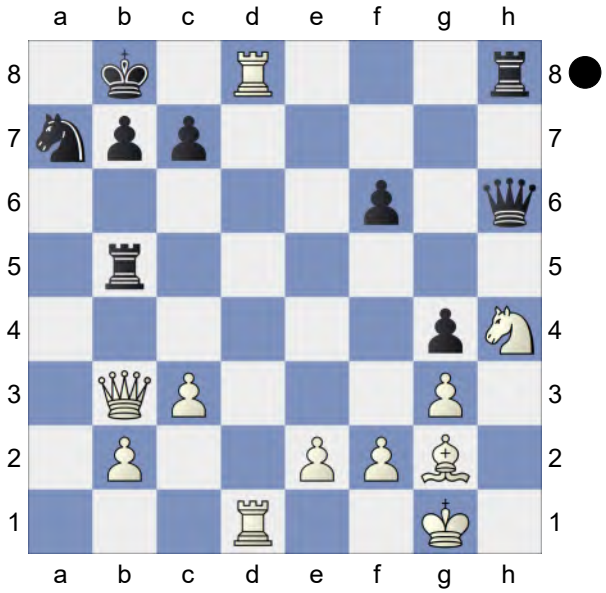


26.Rd2 Qh6 27.Rad1 g4 28.Nh4 Re5 29.Qb3 a4 6.73/21
[⌓29...f5 4.69/17 30.Qc4 Qf6 31.Bxc6 bxc6]
30.Qxa4 Na7



31.Qb3 9.77/20
[⌓31.Ra1 #15/19 Rd5 32.Qxa7+ *(32.Rxd5 Kc8 33.Qd7+ Kb8 34.Rda5 Rf8 35.Rxa7 Qc1+ 36.Kh2 Qxa1 37.Rxb7+ Ka8 38.Rb6+ Ka7 39.Qxc7#)* 32...Kc8 33.Bxd5 *(33.Qa8+ Kd7 34.Rxd5+ Ke7 35.Qa3+ Ke6 36.Qa2 Ke7)* 33...Kd8 34.Qxb7 *(34.Bxb7+ Qxd2 35.Qb8+ Kd7 36.Qxh8 Qxe2 37.Qg7+* Skewer *Ke6 38.Qg8+ Kd6 39.Nf5+ Kc5 40.Qd5+ Kb6 41.Qc6#)* 34...f5 35.Ra8+ *(35.Nxf5 Qh2+ 36.Kf1 Qh3+ 37.Bg2+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Ke8 38.Qc6+ Kf8 39.Qf6+ Kg8 40.Qg7#)* 35...Kd7 36.Be6+ Deflection *(36.Nxf5 Qh2+ 37.Kf1 Qxf2+* Decoy *38.Kxf2 Rh2+ 39.Bg2+ Ke6 40.Qc6+ Kxf5 41.Rd5#; 36.Qb5+ Ke7 37.Bg8 Qd6 38.Qe8+ Kf6 39.Qg6+ Ke7 40.Qg7#)* 36...Ke7 37.Qxc7+ Kf6 38.Qf7+ Kg5 39.Qxf5#]
31...Rb5 32.Rd8+



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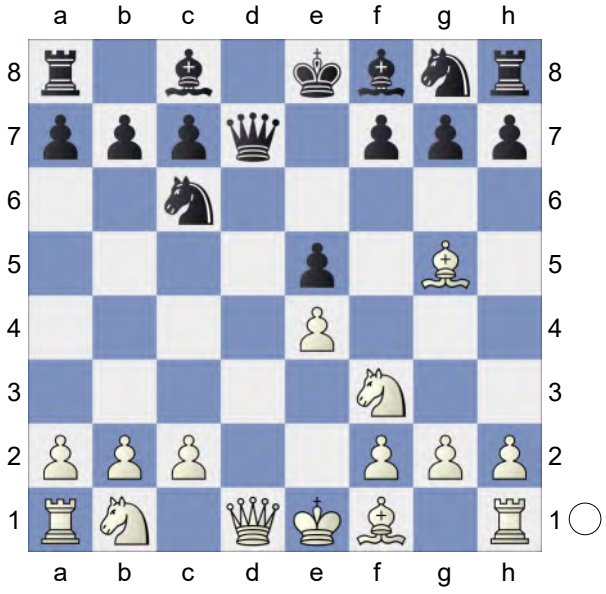
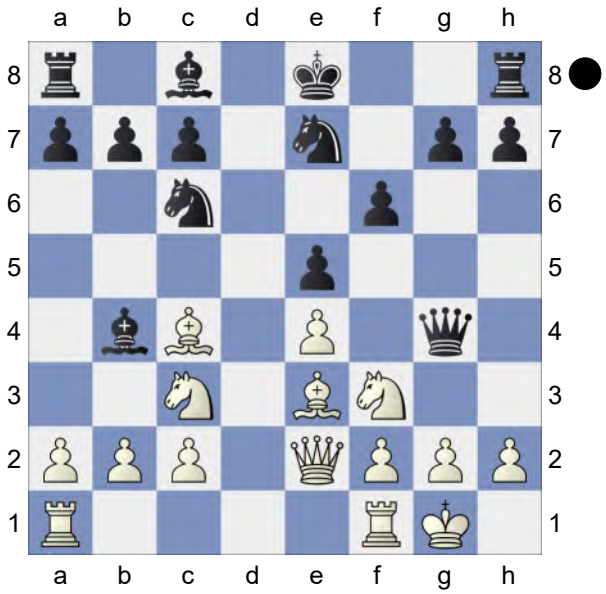
59 **A40**
□ **kletochkaa_2007** **2693**
■ **YagermeisterVariants** **2514**
Blitz 30.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3
[3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]
3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.e4N
[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Nc3 h6 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.Nb5 13) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit with 3...d6 #2 *(8.e4)*]
5...dxe5

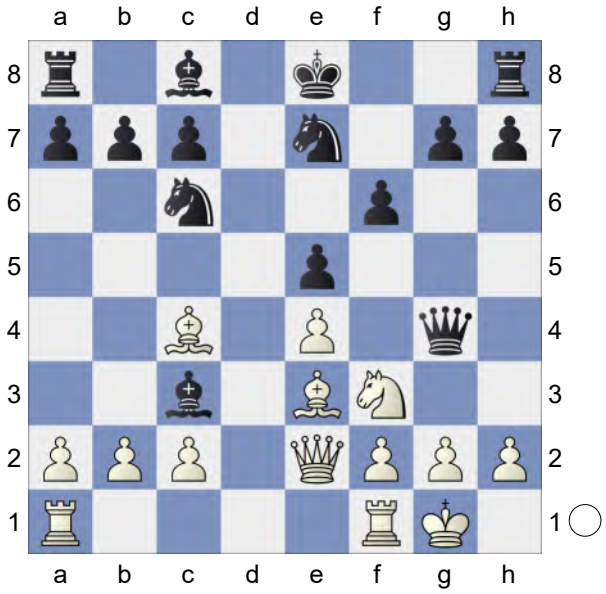


6.Nc3 f6 7.Be3 Bb4 8.Bc4 -0.34/21
[8.Nd2= 0.09/23 might be stronger.]
8...Nge7 9.Qe2 Qg4 10.0-0

(Diagram)

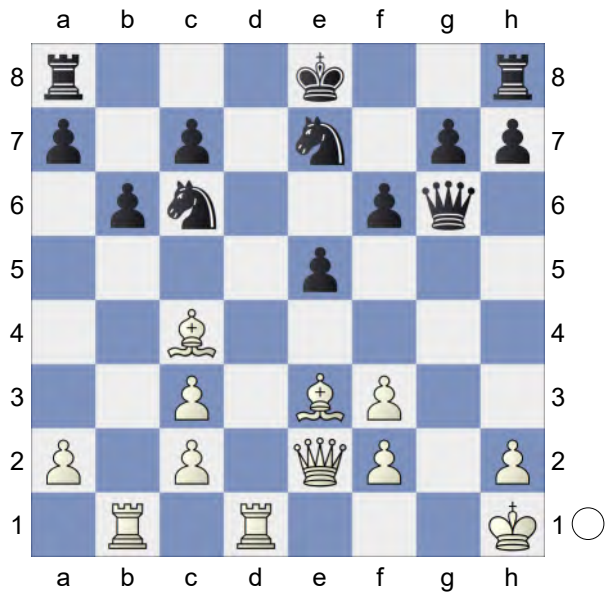


h3 is the strong threat. **10...Bxc3**



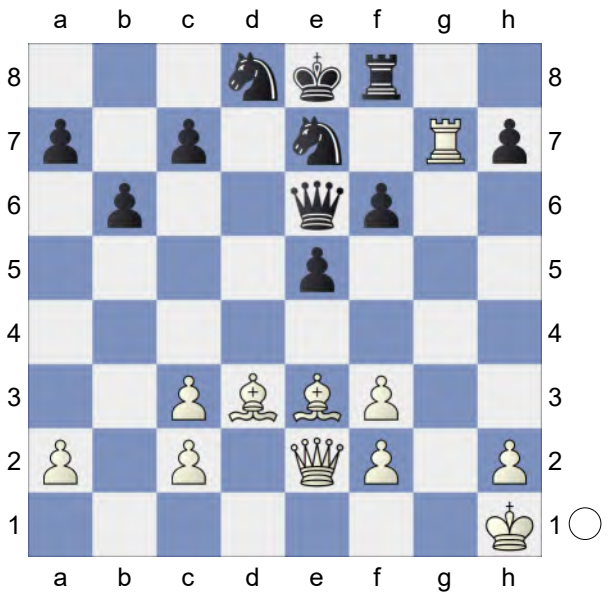
11.bxc3 Qxe4 12.Rfd1 Bg4 13.Rab1 Bxf3? 1.23/19
[13...Qf5∓ -0.59/20 keeps the upper hand. 14.Bb3 *(14.Rxb7 e4∓)* 14...a6]
14.gxf3± Qg6+ 15.Kh1 b6

(Diagram)

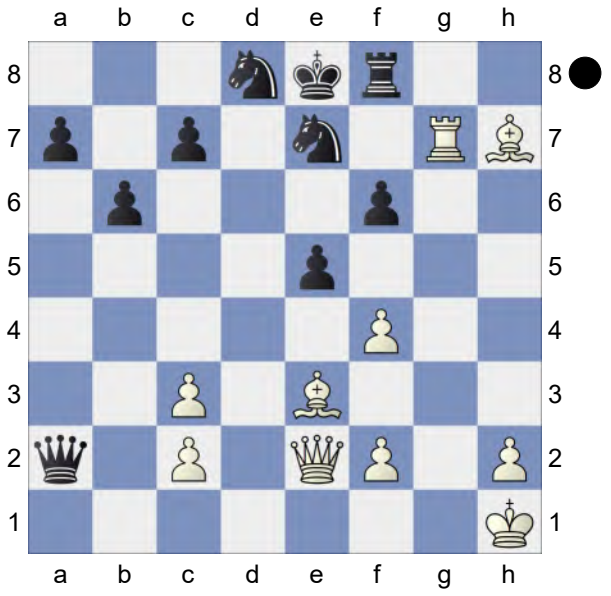


16.Rg1 0.00/23
[Better is 16.Be6± 1.25/17 aiming for Rg1. Qh5 17.Rd7]
16...Qf5= 17.Rxg7 Rf8 2.50/19 Dodges Bf7+
[17...0-0-0∓ -0.31/17 stays ahead.]
18.Rd1+- Rd8 19.Rxd8+ 0.89/18
[Much less strong is 19.Bd3 Qe6 20.Rxh7 *(20.Bxh7 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 Rf7=)* 20...Rg8]
[19.Rdg1+- 2.23/19 is more deadly.]
19...Nxd8± 20.Bd3↑ Deflection. Black is under strong pressure. White has more active pieces. This pair of bishops is nice. **20...Qe6**

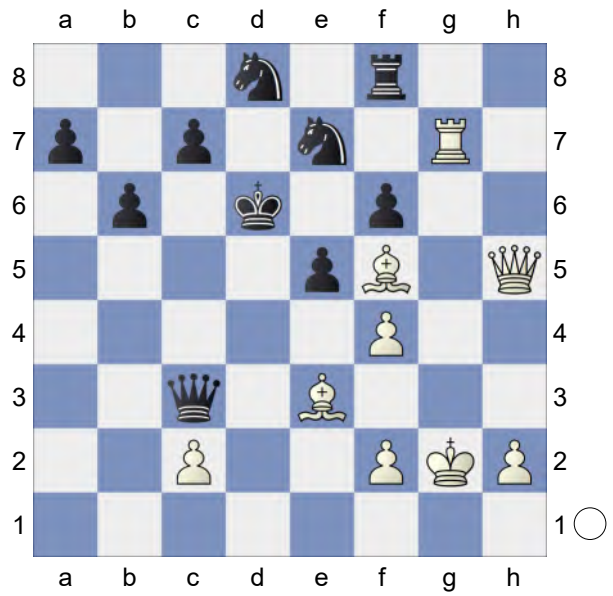
(Diagram)



21.Bxh7 0.00/20
[21.Bc4± 1.00/17 Qh3 22.Bd3 *(22.Bb5+ c6±)*]
21...Qxa2= 22.f4 -0.98/22
[22.Qd3= 0.00/20]



22...Qa1+ 0.05/25
[22...Ne6!∓ -0.98/22 23.Rg2 exf4 *(23...Nxf4 24.Bxf4 exf4 25.c4=)*]
23.Kg2 Hoping for Qb5+. **23...Qxc3**
24.Qh5+ Kd7? 4.86/16
[24...Nf7= 0.00/20]
25.Bf5++- Kd6



26.Qd1+ Kc6 27.Rxe7 White wants to mate with Qd7+. **27...Kb7 28.Qd5+ Nc6** 7.77/17

[⌓28...Qc6 4.76/18 29.Be4 Qxd5 30.Bxd5+ Kb8]

29.Be4 Rg8+ 12.81/18

[⌓29...f5 5.00/20 30.Bd2 *(30.Qxe5 Rg8+ 31.Kh3 Rh8+ 32.Kg3 Rg8+ 33.Kh4 Qxe5+-)* 30...Qc5 31.Qxc5 *(31.Rxe5 fxe4 32.Qxc5 bxc5+-)* 31...Rg8+ 32.Kf1 bxc5 33.Bxc6+ Kxc6 34.Rxe5 *(34.fxe5 Rg4+-)* 34...Rh8]

30.Qxg8 Threatening mate with Qe6.

30...exf4

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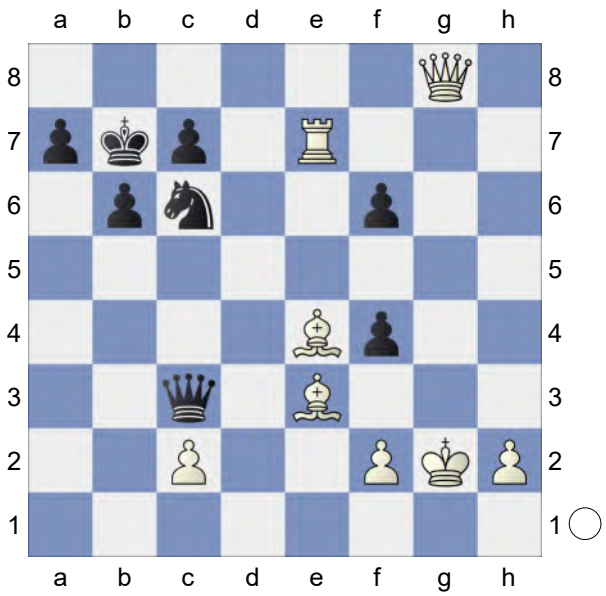
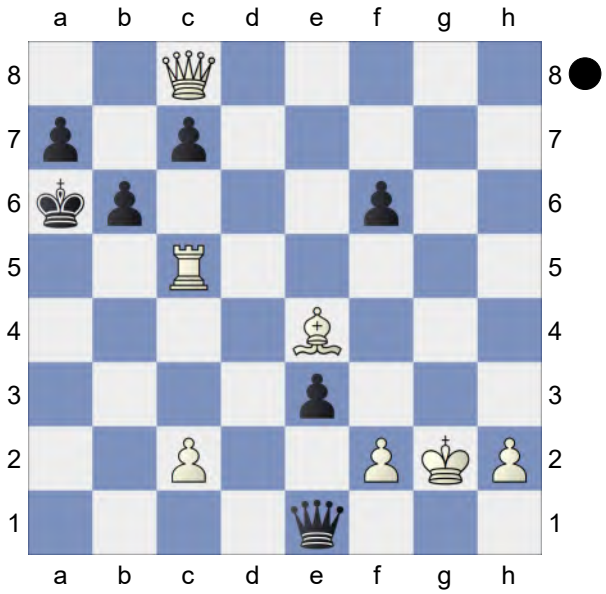


31.Re6 13.06/17

[⌓31.Bxf4 #10/16 Ka6 32.Rxc7 b5 33.Rxc6+ Qxc6 34.Bxc6 Kb6 35.Qe6 a6 36.Be3+ *(36.Qxf6 Kc5 37.Qd6+ Kc4 38.Bd2 b4 39.Qxb4#; 36.Be4+ Ka5 37.Bc7+ Kb4 38.Qb3+ Kc5 39.Qc3#)* 36...Ka5 37.c3 b4 38.Qf5#]

31...fxe3 32.Rxc6 Qe1 33.Rc5+ Ka6 34.Qc8#



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60 **A40**
□ **Ogrilla** **2846**
■ **opperwezen** **2760**
Blitz 06.03.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.exd6
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bxd6 5.e3N
[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 19.Rd6 Be6 ½-½ (54) Genovese, A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998 20.Bc4 Rcd8 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.Rxd8+ Nxd8 23.Rd1 Rb6+ 24.Kc1 Bb2+ 25.Kd2 Bf6 26.Bc7 Ra6 27.Bxd8 Bxd8 28.Kc1 Bf6 29.Rd7 Rxa2 30.Rxb7 Ra4 31.Nd2 Bc3 32.Rb3 Ra1+ 33.Nb1 Be1 34.Kb2 Ra5 ½-½ (54) Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) V0041 www.desc-online.de 1999]
[5.e4 Bg4 6.Be2 Qe7 7.Nc3 0-0-0 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.0-0 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Qxe4 11.Bd3 Bxf3 12.Bxe4 Bxd1 13.Raxd1 Ne5 14.Bc3 g6 15.f4 Nc4 16.Bxh8 Rxh8 17.Rfe1 Rd8 18.b3 Nb6 19.c4 Re8 1-0 (32) Bashirli,S (1986)-Nevska,G (1863) Swiss Queens Wed #44 blitz 2024 (11)]
5...Nf6
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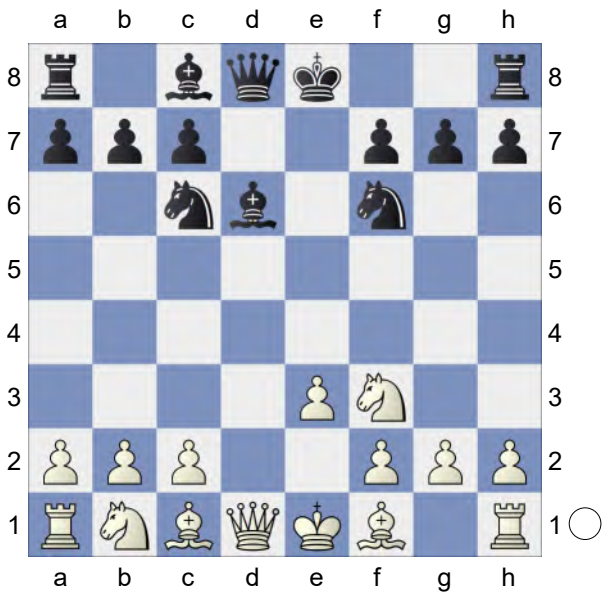
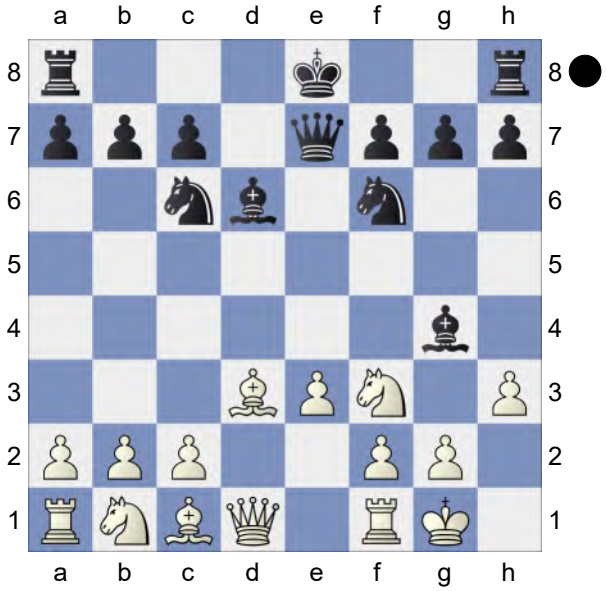
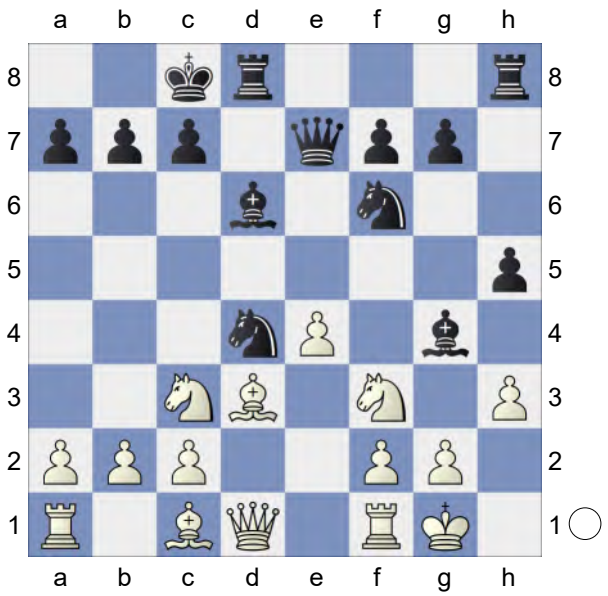


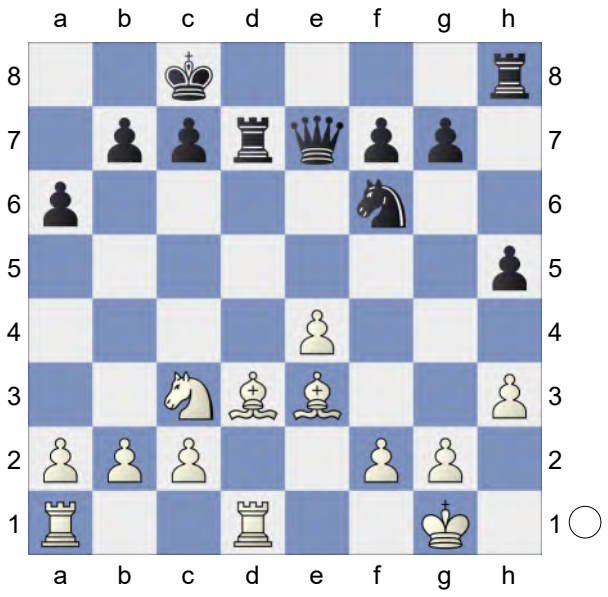
6.Bd3 Qe7 7.0-0 0.23/16
[White should try 7.Nc3± 0.85/18]
7...Bg4!= 8.h3 -0.45/19
[8.Nbd2= 0.21/20]



8...h5! 0.30/19 **9.Nc3** -0.13/20
[Reject 9.hxg4 hxg4 10.Ng5 0-0-0∓]
[9.Re1 0.30/19 is superior.]
[9.Nbd2 Ne5]
9...0-0-0 10.e4 -1.33/20
[10.Nb5= -0.04/18]
10...Nd4
(Diagram)

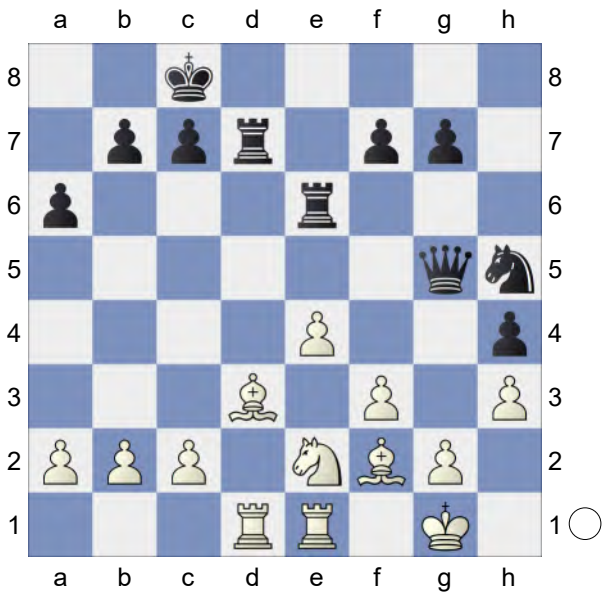


Black is more active. **11.Nxd4** -2.37/18
Bxd1-+ 12.Rxd1 Bh2+ Discovered Attack **13.Kxh2** aiming for Be3.
13...Rxd4 14.Be3 Rd7 15.Kg1 a6

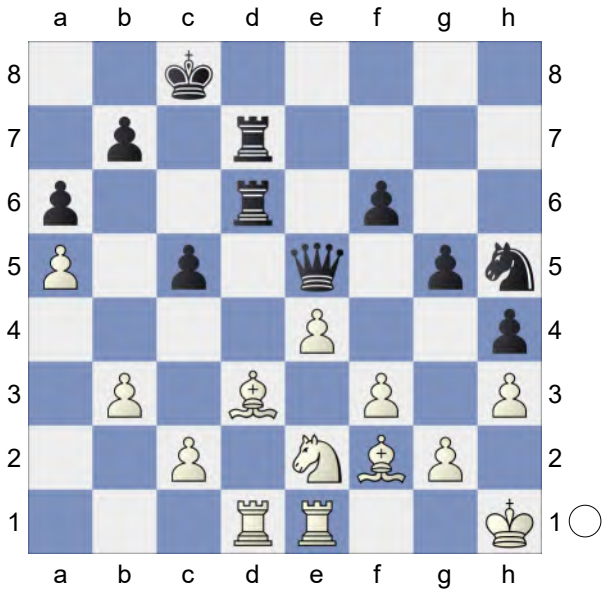


16.f3 -2.73/19
[⌓16.Re1 -1.66/17]
16...h4 17.Ne2 -2.46/19
[⌓17.Re1 -1.88/17]
17...Nh5 18.Bf2 Qg5 19.Re1 Re8 20.Rad1 Re6

(Diagram)

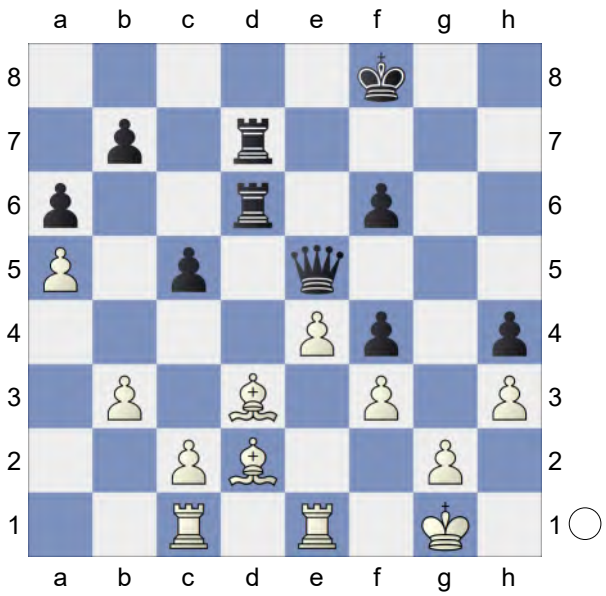


And now ...Rg6 would win. **21.Kh2**
Qe5+ 22.Kh1 g5
[Don't take 22...Qxb2 23.Bxh4 Re8 *(23...Qxa2? 24.g4-+)* 24.g4-+]
23.b3 Red6 24.a4 c5 25.a5 f6



26.Rc1 Kd8 27.Be3 Ke7 28.Kg1 Kf8
29.Bd2 -2.98/18
[⌓29.Rf1 -1.65/18]
29...Nf4? -0.42/20
[29...Rxd3-+ -2.98/18 30.cxd3 Rxd3]
30.Nxf4‡ gxf4

(Diagram)



31.Red1? -2.76/21
[31.Kh2∓ -0.41/19]
31...Rxd3-+ 32.cxd3 Rxd3 33.Be1? -6.66/24
[33.Kf1 -2.51/21]
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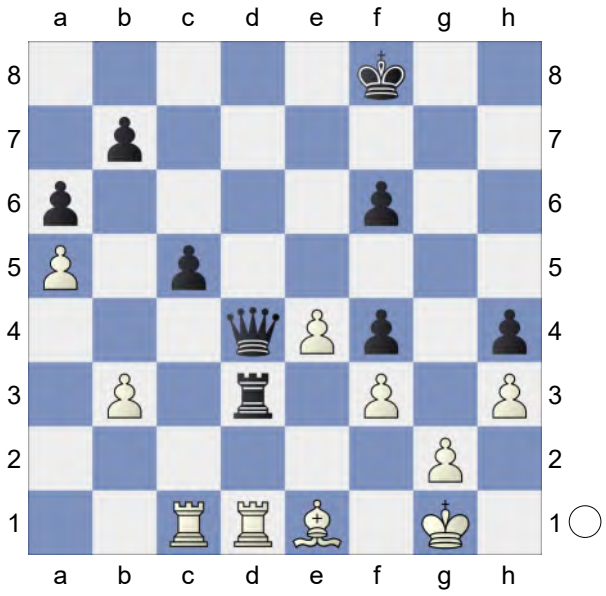
33...Qd4+
[33...Rxb3 34.Rd5 Qb2 35.Rd8+ Kf7 36.Rcd1±]



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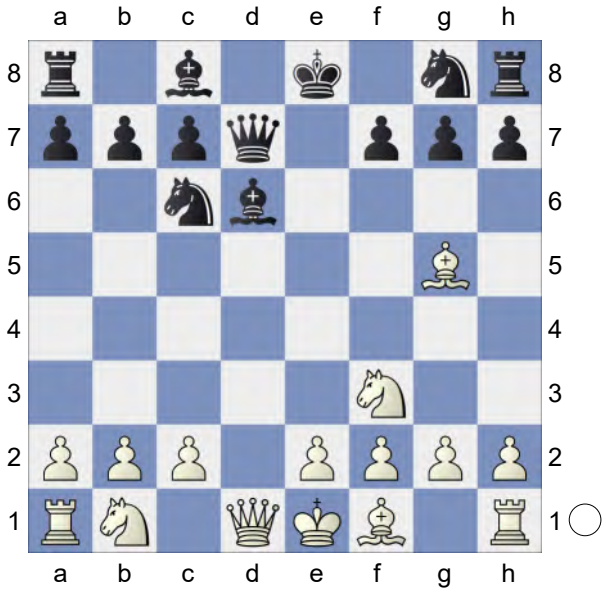
61 **A40**
□ **DrawDenied_Twitch** **2765**
■ **PchelkinVK** **2596**
Rapid 02.06.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6



6.Nc3
[6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ng4 20.Bxg4 Bxg4 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
6...f6 7.Bh4 Qf7 8.Nb5N White is clearly better.
[8.e3 Bg4 9.Qd5 Be6 10.Qe4 0-0-0 11.Bb5 Nge7 12.0-0-0 Bxa2 13.Nxa2 Qxa2 14.Qa4 Qxa4 15.Bxa4 a6 16.c3 h5 17.Bg3 Bxg3 18.Rxd8+ Nxd8 19.hxg3 g6 20.g4 f5 21.gxh5 Rxh5 22.Rxh5 gxh5 1-0 (81) Mrsok (2628)-Elkadi74 (2637)

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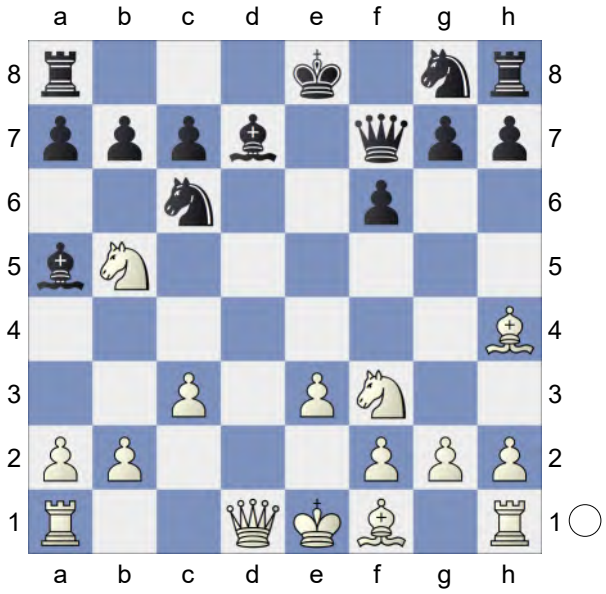
8...Bb4+ 9.c3 Ba5 10.e3 Bd7



11.Qb3 Be6 3.76/21 Wards off Bc4
[11...Qe7 1.89/19 12.Nfd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Bb6]

12.Qa4 2.13/18
[⌓12.Nxc7+ 3.76/21 Qxc7
(12...Bxc7? 13.Qxb7 Rb8
14.Qxc6++-) 13.Qxe6+ Qe7
14.Qxe7+ Ngxe7 15.0-0-0]

12...Nge7 13.Be2 1.36/19
[13.Bg3+- 2.73/19]

13...0-0-0 2.50/19
[13...Bb6± 1.36/19]

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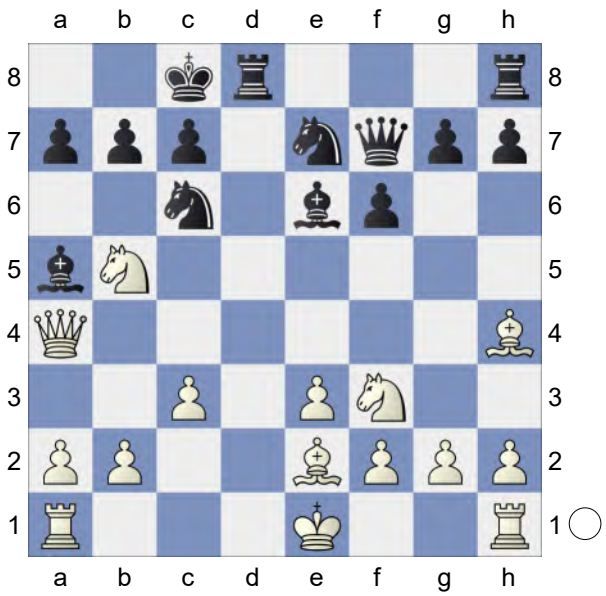
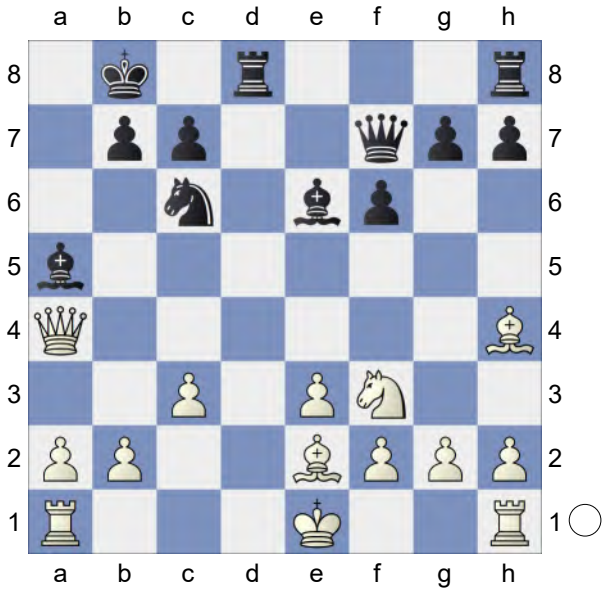


14.Nxa7+!+- Deflection **14...Kb8**
[14...Nxa7 15.Qxa5]

15.Nxc6+ Nxc6



16.0-0 h5 17.Bg3
[17.Bb5 Bb6 18.Bg3 Ne7]

17...g5 18.h4 Rdg8 2.39/19
[⌓18...Bb6 1.96/22 19.hxg5 Qg6]

19.Bb5 gxh4 20.Bxc6
[20.Qxh4?! Ne7±]
[20.Bxh4 Rg4 21.c4 Bb6=]

20...hxg3

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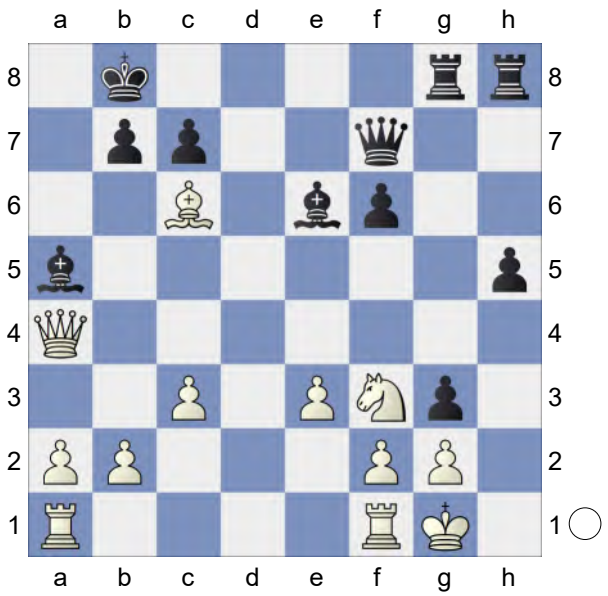
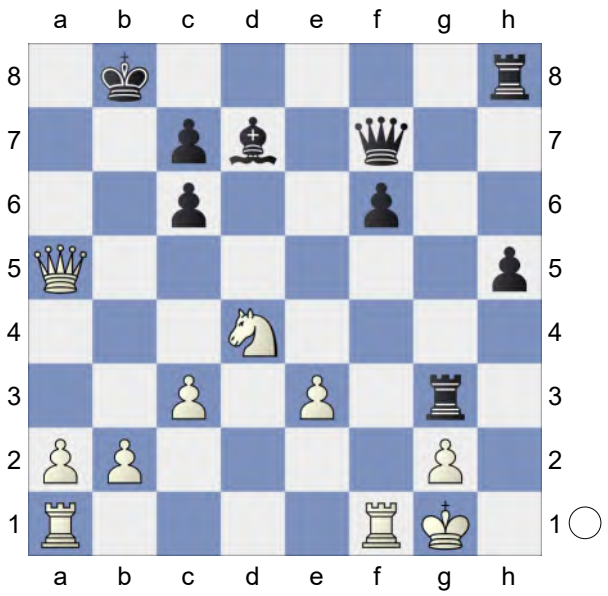


21.Qxa5 bxc6 22.Nd4 0.92/20
[22.Qb4++- 2.08/21 is more deadly. Kc8 23.Nd4]
22...Bd7 2.24/18
[22...Qe8± 0.92/20 keeps fighting.]
23.fxg3? 0.51/24
[23.Qb4++- 2.24/18 Kc8 24.Nb3]
23...Rxg3



24.Ne2 0.17/22 White is more active.
[24.Rf4!± 0.82/24]
24...Rxe3= 25.Qb4+ Kc8

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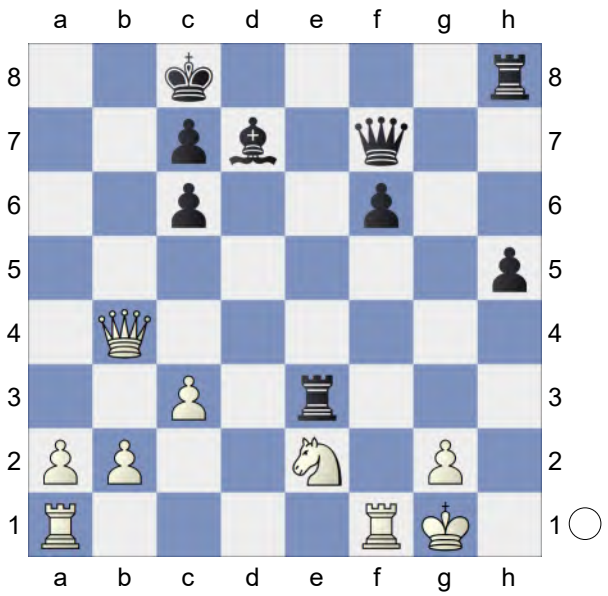
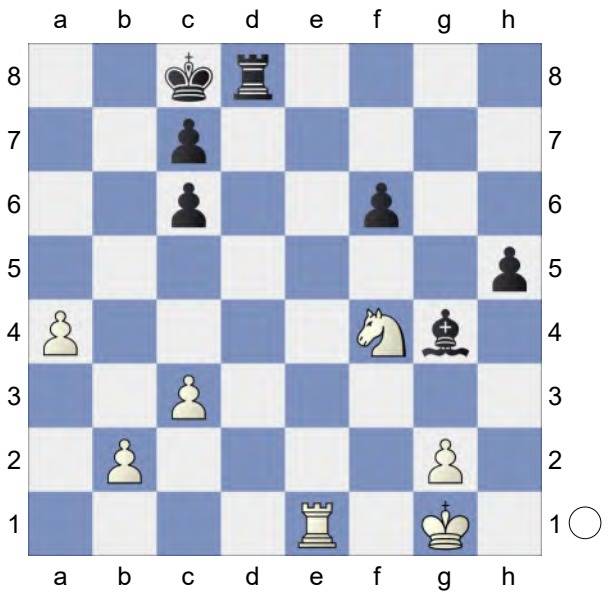


26.Nf4 Qe7? 3.95/23
[26...c5= 0.22/21 and Black stays safe. 27.Qxc5 Re5]
27.Qxe7+- Rxe7 28.Rae1? 0.34/23
[28.Ng6+- 3.61/27 Rhh7 29.Nxe7+ Rxe7 30.Rxf6]
28...Rxe1± 29.Rxe1 Endgame KRB-KRN **29...Bg4 30.a4 Rd8**



31.b4 Rd2 32.Re3 c5 33.Nd3 cxb4 34.cxb4 Ra2 35.Nc5 Kd8

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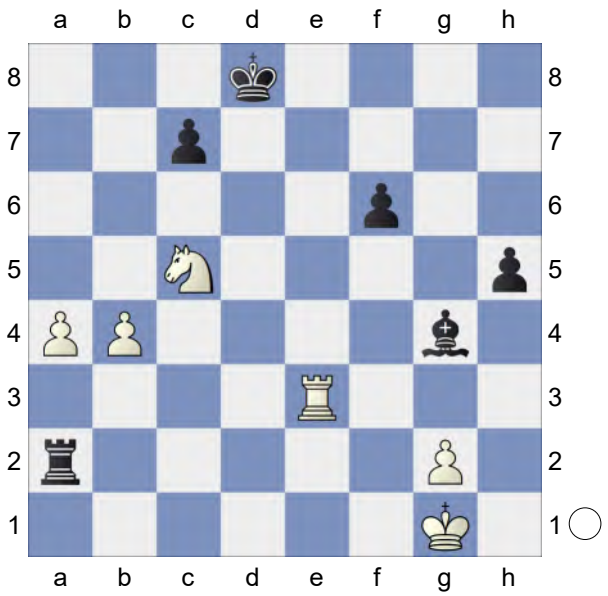
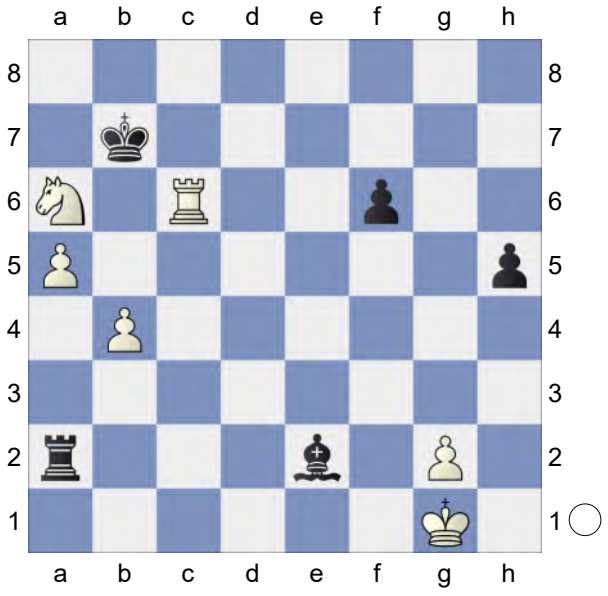
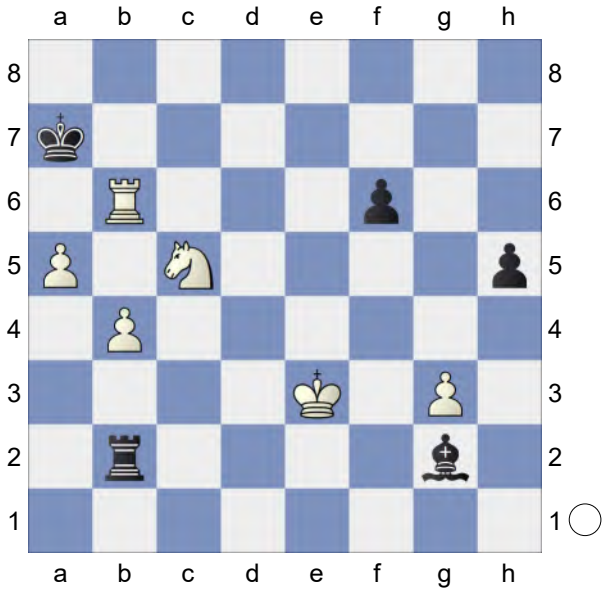


Prevents Re8+. **36.a5 c6 37.Rd3+ Kc7 38.Na6+ Kc8** 0.67/24
[38...Kb7= 0.20/28 39.Nc5+ Ka7]
39.Rd6! Be2? 2.49/21
[39...Ra1+? 40.Kh2±]
[39...Kb7± 0.44/24]
40.Rxc6++-
[40.Nc5?! Kc7 41.Rxf6 Bc4]
40...Kb7

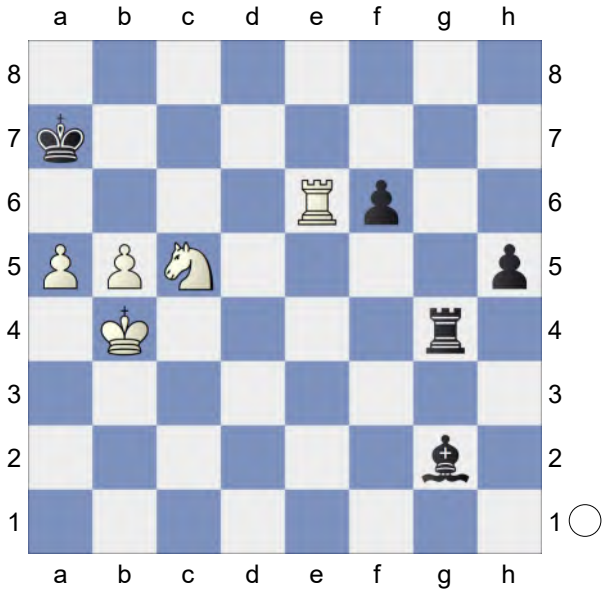


41.Rb6+
[41.Rxf6 Bxa6 42.b5 Ra1+ *(42...Bxb5 43.Rb6+ Kc7 44.Rxb5=)* 43.Kh2 Bxb5 44.Rb6+ Kc7 45.Rxb5 h4=]
41...Ka7? 6.58/19
[41...Kc8 2.59/18 42.Rxf6 Rb2 43.Rf8+ Kb7]
42.Nc5? 1.85/17
[42.Nb8 6.58/19 Intending Nc6+ and mate. Rc2 43.Nc6+ Rxc6 44.Rxc6]
42...Rb2? 3.75/20
[42...Bc4 1.85/17 43.Rxf6 Rb2]
43.Kf2? 0.15/18
[43.Rxf6 Rxb4 44.Kf2 Bc4±]
[43.Nd7+- 3.75/20 aiming for Nb8!. Ba6 44.Nc5 *(44.Nxf6 h4±; 44.Rxf6 Rxb4 45.Ne5 Bb7±)*]
43...Bc4+ 0.52/17
[43...Bb5+= 0.15/18 44.Ke3 Rxb4]
44.Ke3 Bd5? 3.90/19
[Better is 44...Rxg2± 0.42/20 45.b5 *(45.Rxf6 Bb5+-)* 45...Rg3+ 46.Kd4 Rg4+ 47.Ne4 Bf1]
45.g3
[And not 45.Rxf6 Bxg2 46.Rf4 Bc6=]
45...Bg2



46.Kd4
[46.Rxf6 Rxb4 47.Rf7+ Ka8±]
[Weaker is 46.Nd3 Rb1 47.Nc5 *(47.Rxf6 Bh3+-)* 47...f5+-]

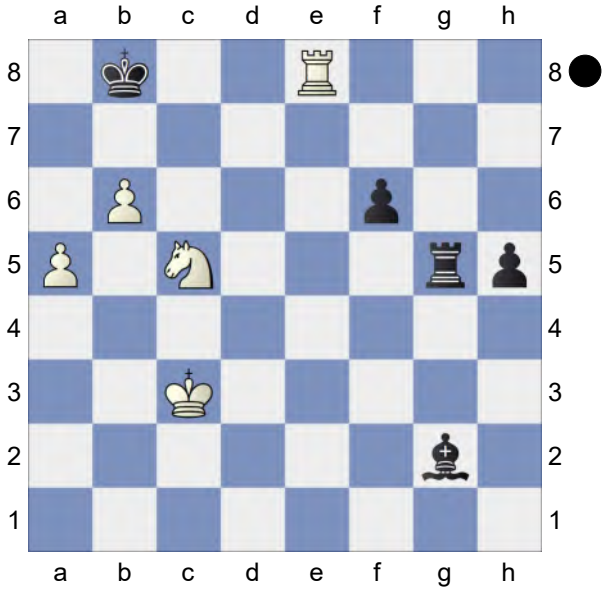
46...Rd2+ 47.Kc3 Rf2 48.b5 Rf3+ 49.Kb4 Rxg3 50.Re6 Rg4+



51.Kc3 Rg5 52.b6+ Kb8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.83

53.Re8#



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62 **A40**

□ **vistagausta** **2769**

■ **BlueGreensun** **2718**

Blitz 30.01.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

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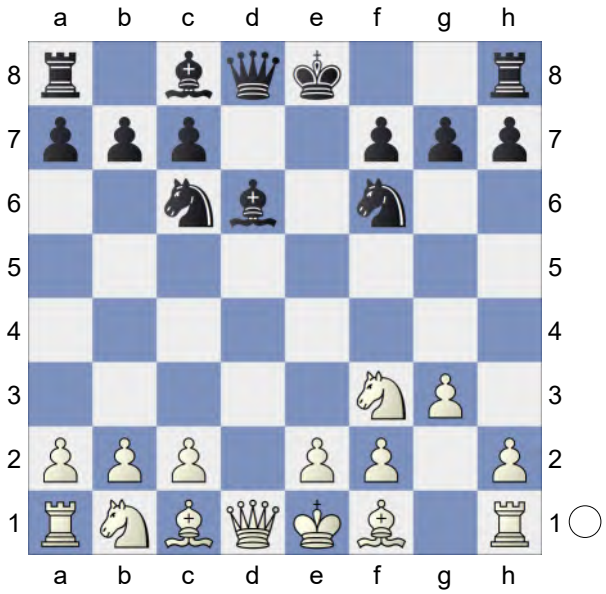


6.Bg2 Bg4N

[6...Bf5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.c3 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 g5 11.0-0 h5 12.Qa4 h4 13.e4 Bd7 14.e5 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Nf3 Qf6 17.Rad1 hxg3 18.fxg3 Qh6 19.b4 Kb8 20.b5 g4 21.Nh4 0-1 (39) Herbrig,A (2325)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (8)]

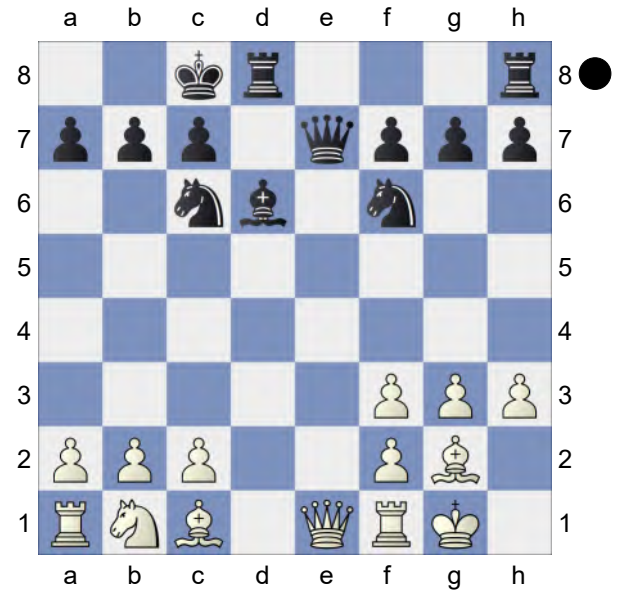
7.0-0 Qe7 8.h3 0.82/18

[⌓8.Bg5 1.23/19]

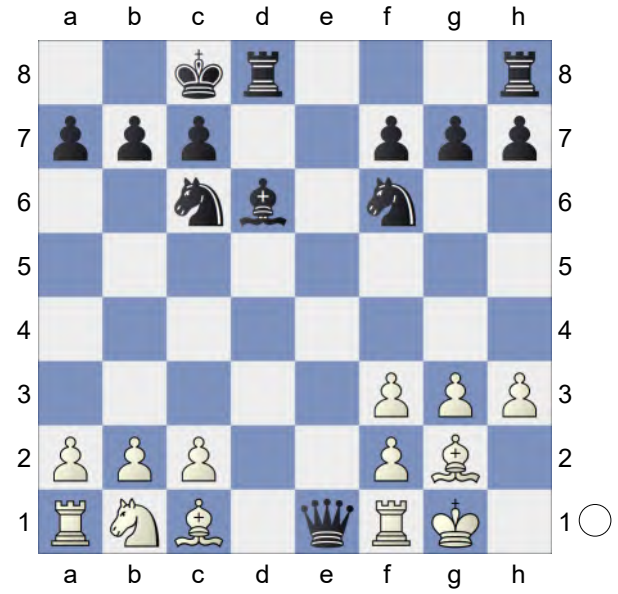
8...Bxf3 9.exf3 Hoping for Re1.

9...0-0-0 10.Qe1? -2.77/18

[10.Nd2± 1.44/19 keeps the pressure on.]



10...Qxe1!-+

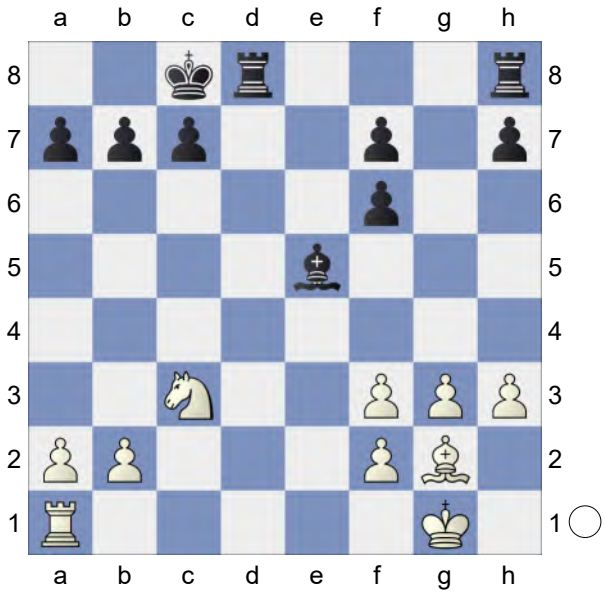


11.Rxe1 Nd4 12.Bg5 Nxc2 13.Bxf6 gxf6

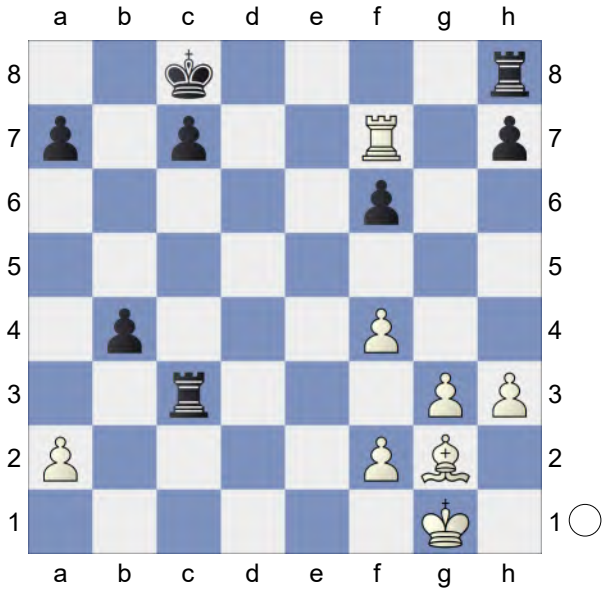
[13...Nxa1? is the wrong capture. 14.Bxd8 Rxd8 15.Rc1+-]

14.Nc3 Nxa1 15.Rxa1 Be5

(Diagram)



16.f4 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Endgame KRR-KRB **17...Rd3 18.Re1 Rxc3 19.Re7 b5 20.Rxf7 b4**



21.Rxf6 c5 -1.72/19

[⌓21...Rc1+ -3.12/20 22.Kh2 Rc2]

22.Rf7 -2.75/19

[22.Be4 -1.72/19 is a better defense.]

22...Rd8 -1.58/18

[22...Rc1+-+ -2.75/19 23.Kh2 Rd8 24.Bb7+ Kb8]

Loses the game. **23.Rxa7?** -4.65/20

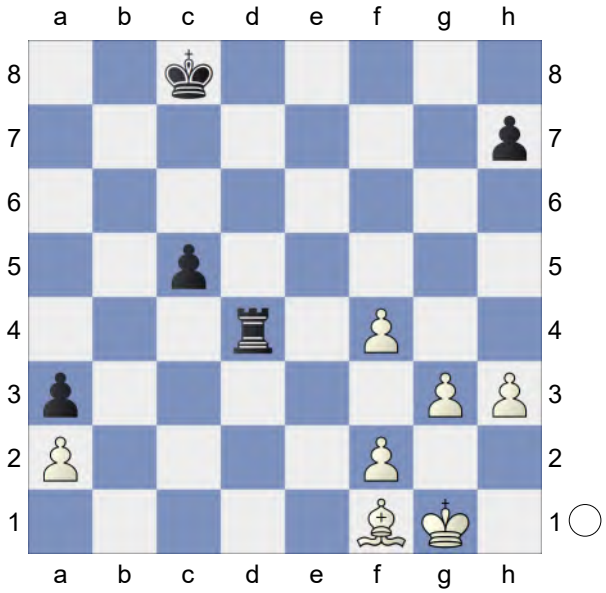
[23.Bb7+∓ -1.58/18 Kb8 24.Be4]

23...Ra3 24.Rxa3 -6.60/22

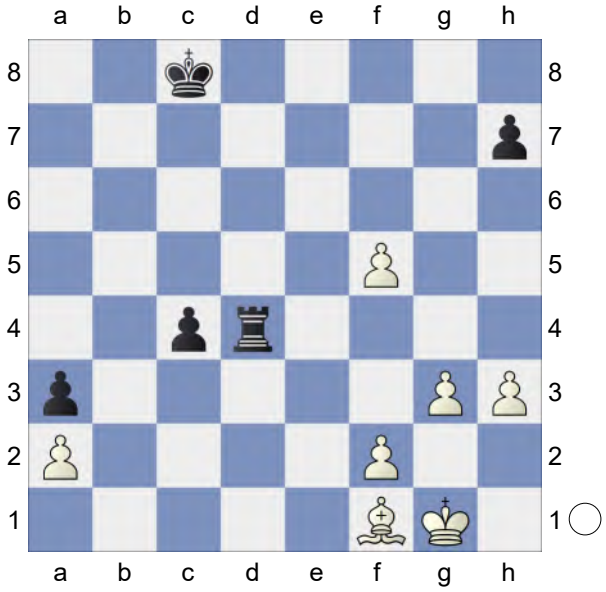
[24.Rxh7 -3.97/19 Rd1+ *(24...Rxa2 25.Bb7+ Kb8 26.Bf3∓)* 25.Kh2]

24...bxa3 Black is clearly winning.

25.Bf1 Rd4



26.f5 c4



Threatens to win with ...c3. **27.f6**

Weighted Error Value: White=1.02/ Black=0.25 (precise)

27...Kd8

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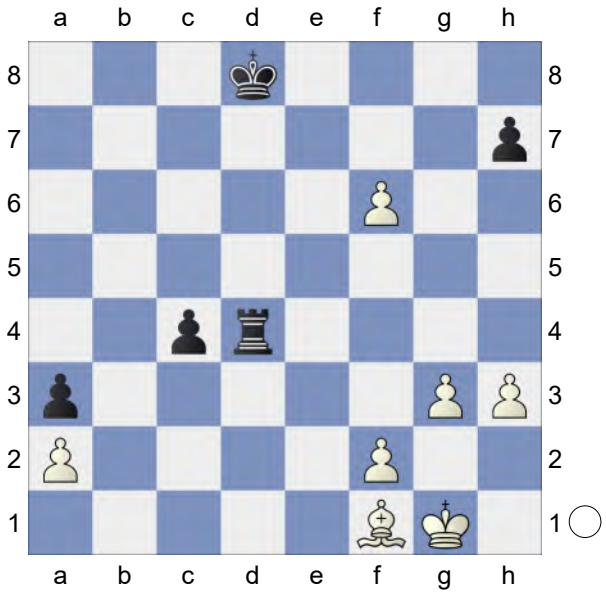

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63	**A40**
☐ **N-Chadaev**	**2768**
■ **Aciboba**	**2692**
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Blitz 3min

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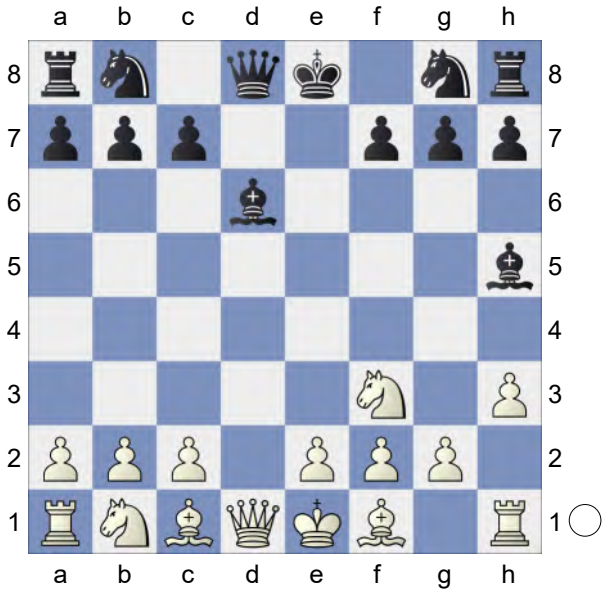
[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2

Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

4...Bxd6 5.h3 Bh5



6.e4 0.76/19

[White should try 6.Nbd2 1.42/18]

6...Nc6N 1.12/19

[⌓6...Nf6 0.76/19]

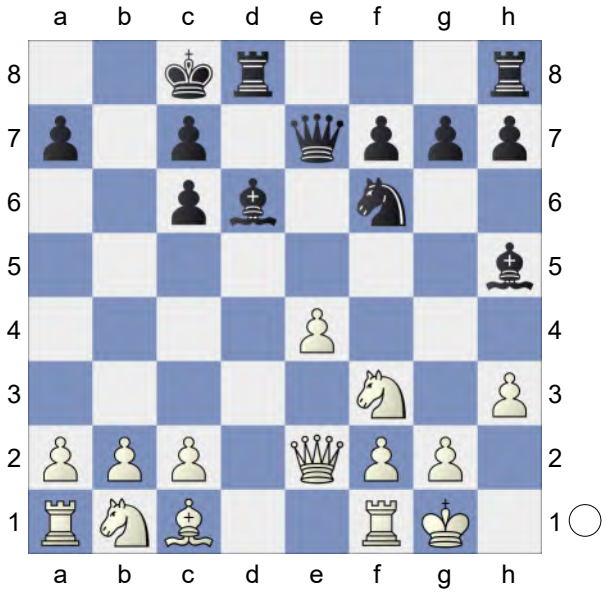
[6...Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1 Qxc3+ 20.Kf1 Rxd4 21.Bxd4 ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986 Qxd4 22.Rd1 Qf6 23.Qe3 Qc6 24.Bd5 Qa6+ 25.Kg2 Nf6 26.Qc3 Re8 27.Bf3 Ne4 28.Rhe1 Qa4 29.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 30.f3 Bc6 31.Rxe8+ Bxe8 32.Re1 Qd7 33.Qe5 Kd8 34.Re2 Qe6 35.Qd4+ Qd6 36.Qh8 ½-½ (39) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0223 www.desc-online.de 1999]

7.Bb5± Qe7 1.68/19

[7...Qd7± 0.94/17]

8.Bxc6+ White is clearly better. **8...bxc6 9.0-0 0-0-0 10.Qe2 Nf6** 2.80/18

[⌓10...Bxf3 1.81/18 11.Qxf3 Qe5]



11.Nc3 1.61/17

[⌓11.Qa6+ 2.80/18 Kd7 12.e5 *(12.Qxa7 Nxe4 13.Qa5 Bg6±; 12.Nbd2 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Nxe4±)* 12...Bxe5 13.Rd1+ *(13.Qxa7 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Nd5=)* 13...Bd6 14.Re1 *(14.Qxa7 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qe5∓)*]

11...Kb8 2.40/19

[11...Bxf3 1.61/17 12.Qxf3 Be5]

12.Re1 Rhe8 13.Bg5 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Qe5 15.Bxf6 Qh2+

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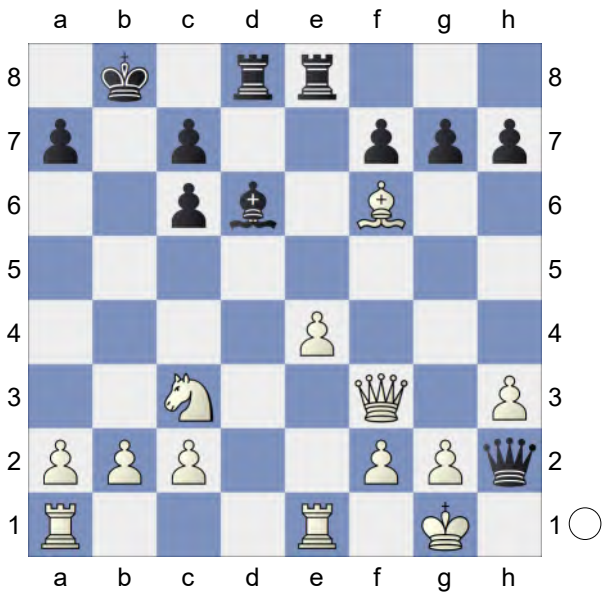
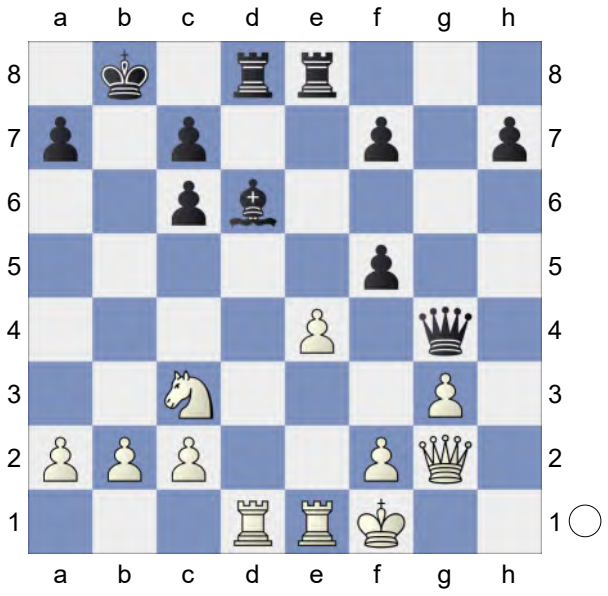


16.Kf1 gxf6 17.Rad1 f5 18.g3? 0.50/15

[18.exf5? Qh1#]

[18.Qxf5+- 2.09/19 Hoping for Ke2!. Qh1+ 19.Ke2 Qxg2 20.Rd3 *(20.Qxh7 Qg5±)*]

18...Qxh3+± 19.Qg2! Qg4



20.e5 -0.22/19 **Qc4+=**

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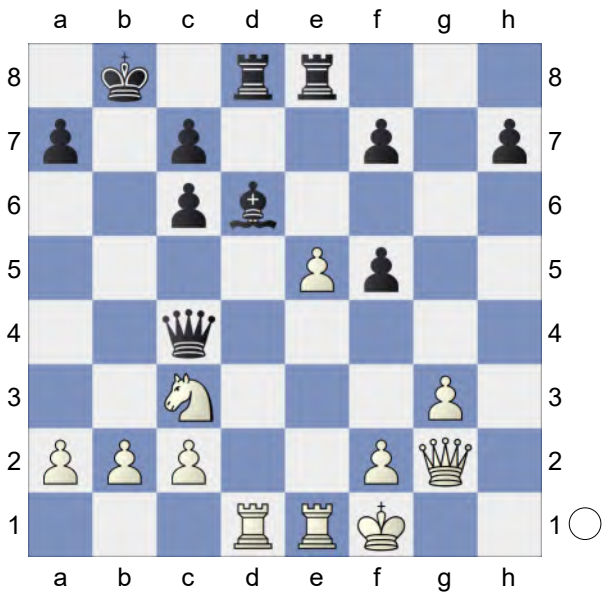


21.Kg1 Bb4 0.37/22

[21...Bc5!∓ -0.31/21]

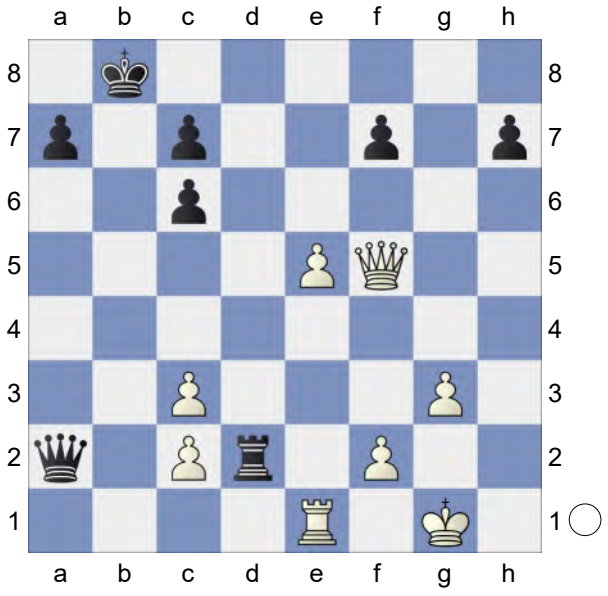
22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Qf3 Rd2? 2.23/21

[23...Qe6!= 0.21/19 and Black is okay.]

24.Qxf5+- Bxc3 3.21/21

[⌓24...Qe6 2.08/18 25.Qf4 *(25.Qxh7 Kb7±)* 25...Bxc3]

25.bxc3 Qxa2



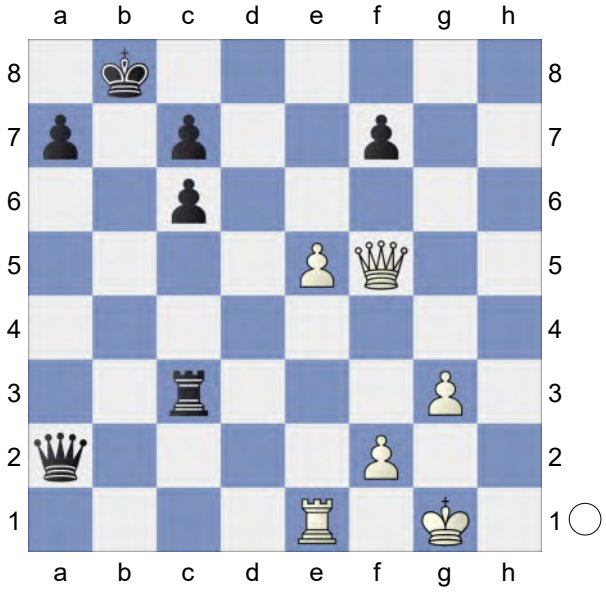
26.Qxh7 0.44/23

[26.c4!+- 3.98/20 Kb7 27.Qxf7 *(27.Qxh7 Qxc4 28.Rb1+ Kc8±)* 27...Rxc2 28.e6 *(28.Qxh7 Rxf2*

29.Qb1+ Kc8±) 28...Qxc4 29.Qf4 *(29.Qxh7 Qb4+-)*]

26...Rxc2 Endgame KQR-KQR **27.Qf5 Rxc3** 5.52/21

[27...Kb7!± 0.33/20]



28.Kg2? -0.34/19

[28.e6!+- 5.52/21 Qxe6 *(28...fxe6? 29.Qf8+ Kb7 30.Qb4+ Kc8 31.Qxc3+-)* 29.Rxe6 Rc1+ 30.Kg2 fxe6 31.Qxe6]

28...Qd5+∓ 29.Kh2 -1.09/21

[29.Qe4!= -0.30/19]

29...Rb3 -0.54/19

[Black should try 29...a5∓ -1.09/21 Threatens to win with ...Rf3. 30.Qe4 Rb3 31.Qxd5 cxd5]

30.Qe4 -1.20/19

[30.g4!∓ -0.54/19]

30...a5∓

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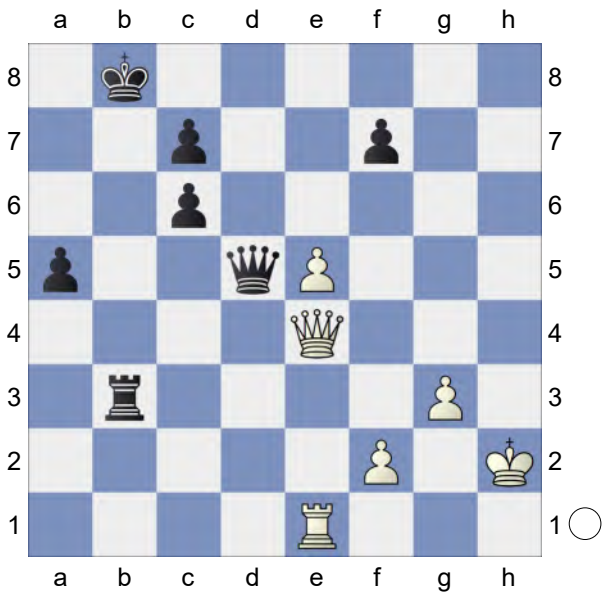

31.f4 -2.50/22

[31.Qxd5∓ -1.27/20 keeps fighting. cxd5 32.f4]

31...Rb2+? -0.64/17

[31...a4-+ -2.50/22 32.Qxd5 *(32.Qxa4?* perishes. *Rb2+ 33.Kh3 Qe6+ 34.f5 Qxf5+ 35.Qg4 Rh2+* D e f l e c t i o n *36.Kxh2 Qxg4-+)* 32...cxd5]

32.Kh3!∓ Qd2 -0.15/21 Black is more active.

[32...Qe6+∓ -0.64/21 33.f5 Qh6+ 34.Kg4 Qg7+ 35.Kf3 Rb3+ 36.Re3 Rb4]

33.Kg4 -0.63/20

[33.Rb1!= -0.15/21 is superior.]

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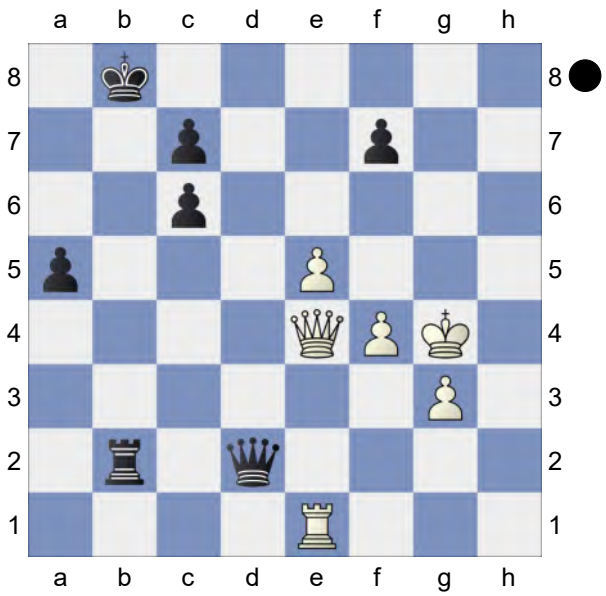
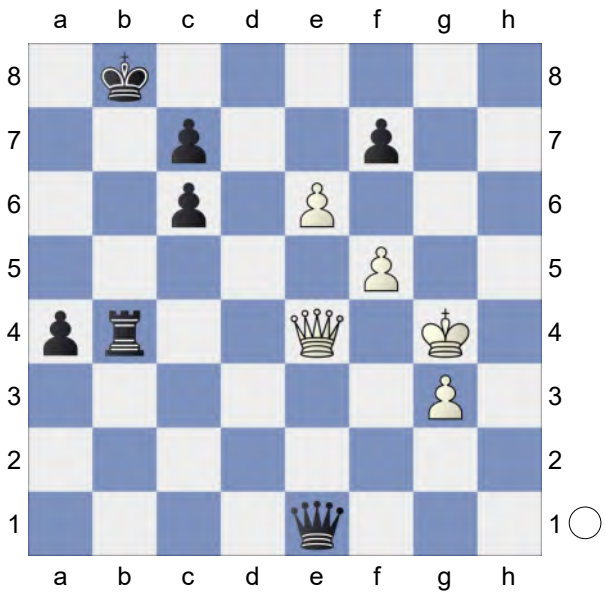


33...a4! 34.f5? -8.02/18
[34.Rh1∓ -0.60/20 Qd8 *(34...a3 35.Rh8+ Kb7 36.Qa4=)* 35.Rb1]
[34.Ra1 Rb4]
34...Rb4-+ Pin **35.e6**
Weighted Error Value: White=1.10/ Black=0.66
35...Qxe1



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64 **A40**
□ **MikeGScarn** **2780**
■ **Aciboba** **2698**
Blitz 18.10.2020
[Kitty Kat]

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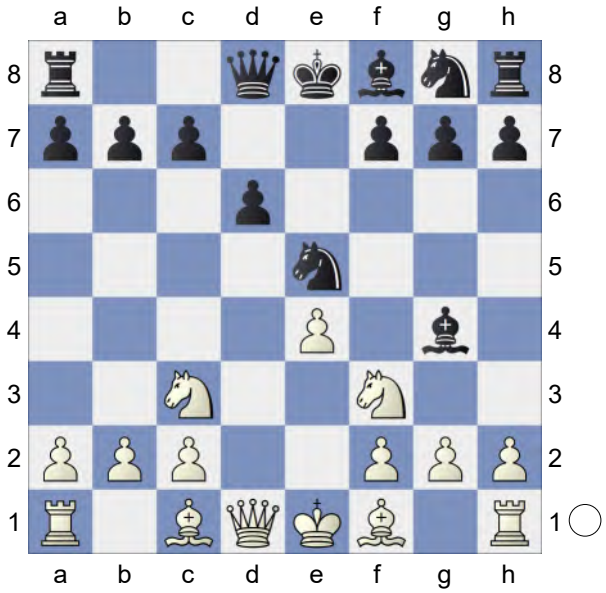
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4.Nc3 Nc6 5.e4N
[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.e4 *(6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6* 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)*)* 6...Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5

16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxd6 a4 18.Qc4 Rfc8 19.Bf4 Qb7 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]

[5.Bg5 Qd7 6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623) - Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]

5...Nxe5 1.32/18

[5...dxe5= 0.30/19 remains equal. 6.Qxd8+ Rxd8]



6.Be2± Nxf3+ 7.Bxf3 0.96/19

[⌓7.gxf3 1.45/19 Be6 8.Rg1]

7...Bxf3 8.Qxf3 White is better. **8...Be7 9.Bf4** White is more active. **9...Nf6 10.0-0-0 Nd7** 2.26/19

[10...Qc8± 1.15/17]

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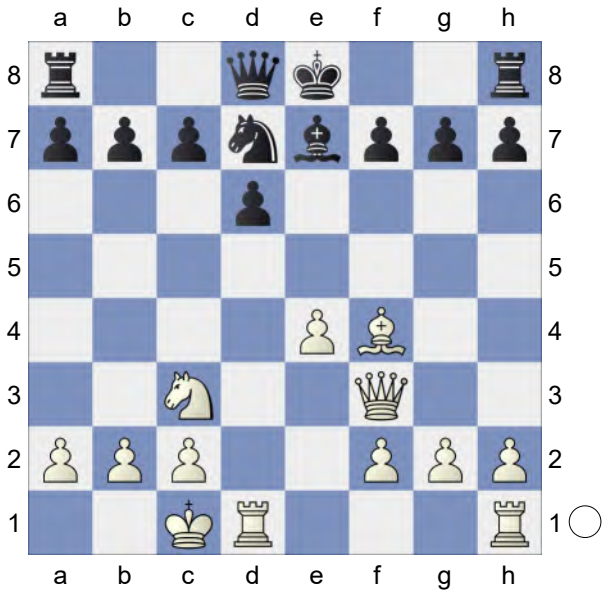
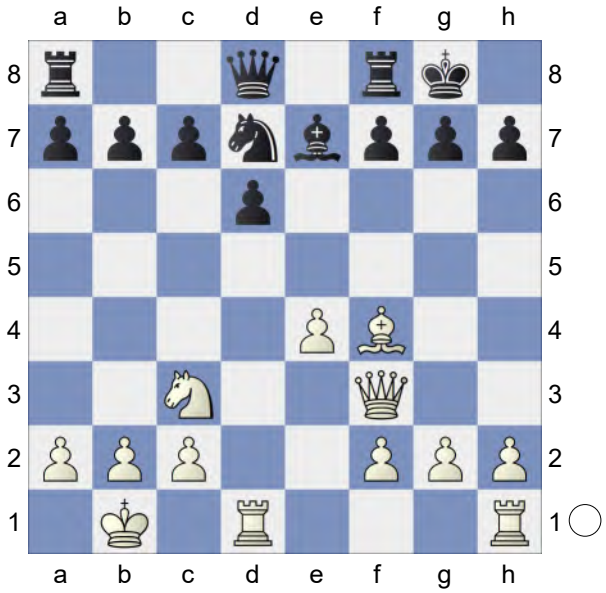


11.Kb1 0-0



12.h4! Bf6 13.Nd5 Be5 2.08/17

[13...a5 1.63/19 was worth a try. 14.h5 Re8]

14.Bg5+- f6 15.Bc1 c6 2.82/19

[⌓15...Rf7 1.92/19 16.Qg4 f5 17.exf5 c6]

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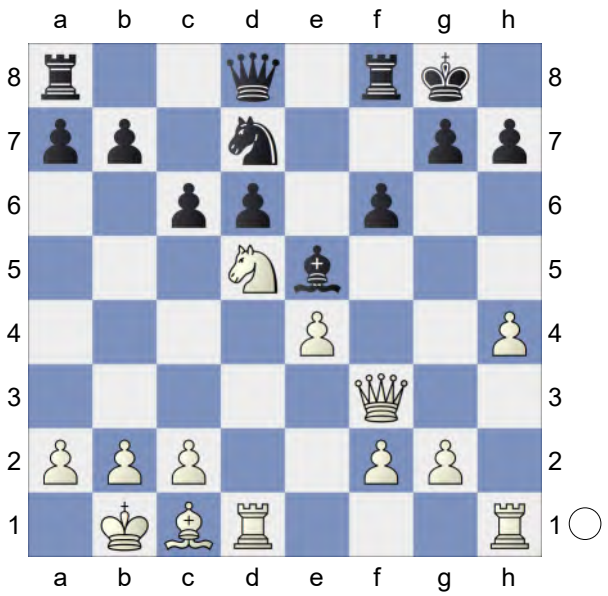
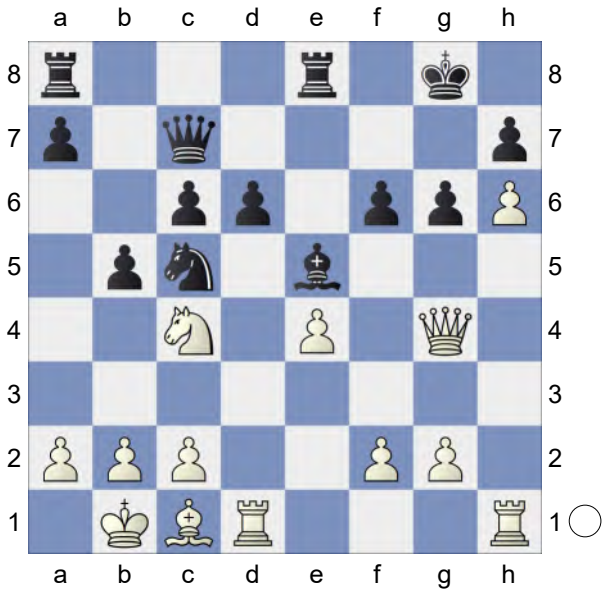
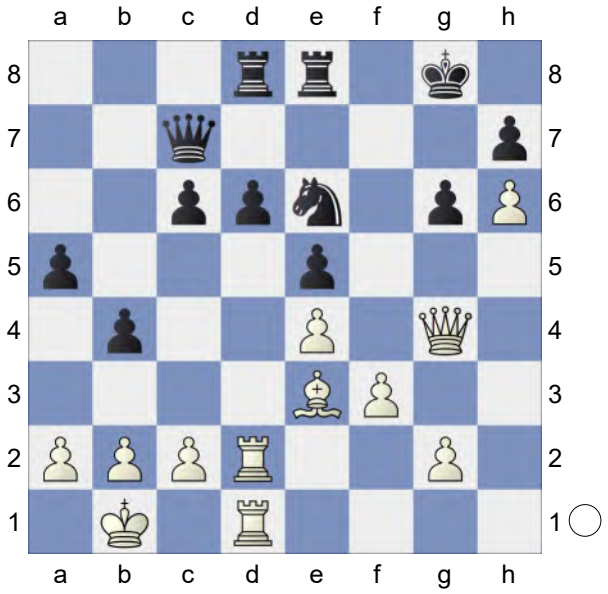


16.Ne3 Nc5 17.h5 Re8 18.Nc4 1.56/18
[18.Nf5+- 3.42/19 is more deadly.]
18...Qc7 2.24/20
[18...Qe7± 1.56/18 19.Ne3 Qc7]
19.h6 g6 20.Qg4 b5

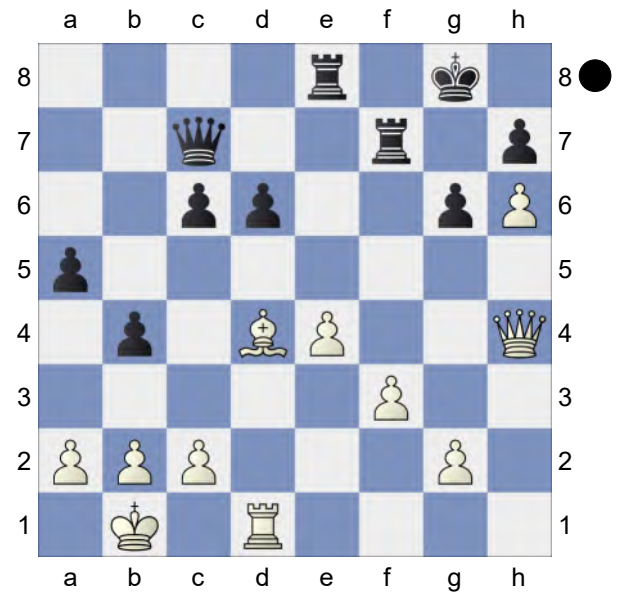


21.Nxe5 fxe5 22.f3 1.18/21
[22.Be3+- 1.76/19 aiming for Bxc5. Nd7 23.Rd2]
22...a5± 23.Be3 Ne6 1.81/20
[23...Rad8± 1.21/21 24.Rd2 Na4]
24.Rd2 1.21/19
[24.g3!+- 1.81/20]
24...b4 1.77/20
[24...Rac8± 1.21/19 25.Bg5 b4]
25.Rhd1+- Rad8

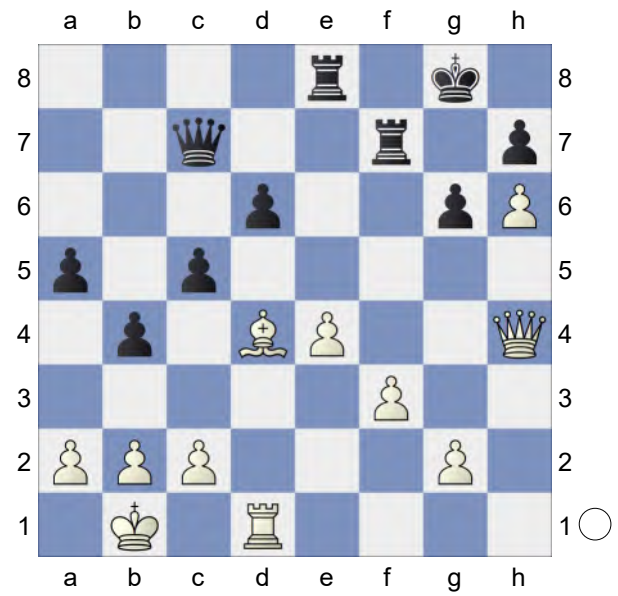


26.Bg5 1.09/20
[26.g3+- 1.67/22]
26...Rd7± 27.Bf6 0.27/19
[27.Be3± 1.24/23]
27...Rf7!= 28.Qh4 0.00/21
[28.Bg5± 0.44/20 deserves consideration.]
28...Nd4 0.55/18
[28...Ref8= 0.00/21 29.Bg5 Nd4]
29.Rxd4 -0.95/17
[29.f4± 0.55/18 keeps the upper hand.]
29...exd4∓ 30.Bxd4

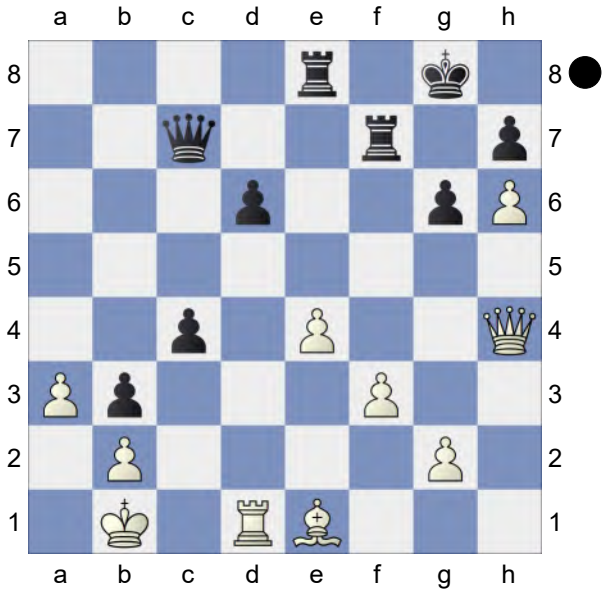
(Diagram)



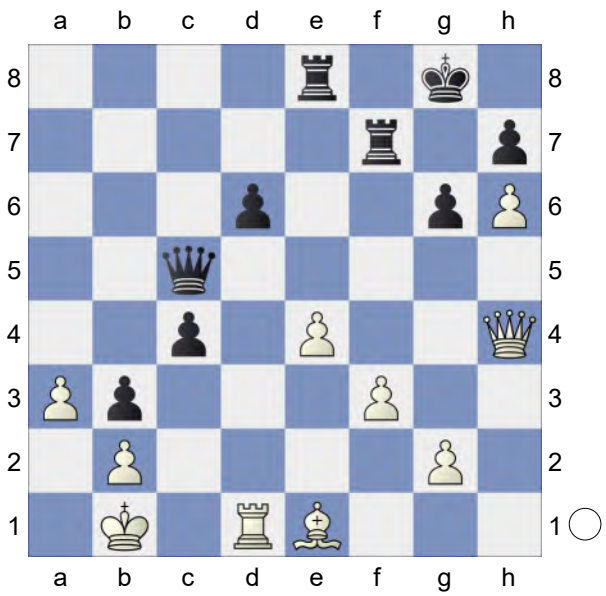
c5 0.00/22
[30...d5!∓ -0.81/19 31.Bf6 dxe4 32.fxe4 Rd7]



31.Bf2 a4 32.Bg3↑ White fights for an advantage. **32...b3** 0.97/21 **33.cxb3 axb3 34.a3** -0.35/21
[White should try 34.axb3± 0.88/19 Rd7 35.Qg4]
34...c4 0.24/23
[Black should play 34...Qd8∓ -0.35/21]
35.Be1? -1.56/22
[35.Rxd6 Qc5 36.Rd8 Rfe7 37.Rxe8+ Rxe8-+]
[35.Bxd6= 0.24/23 Qc8 36.Qg5]



35...Qc5!



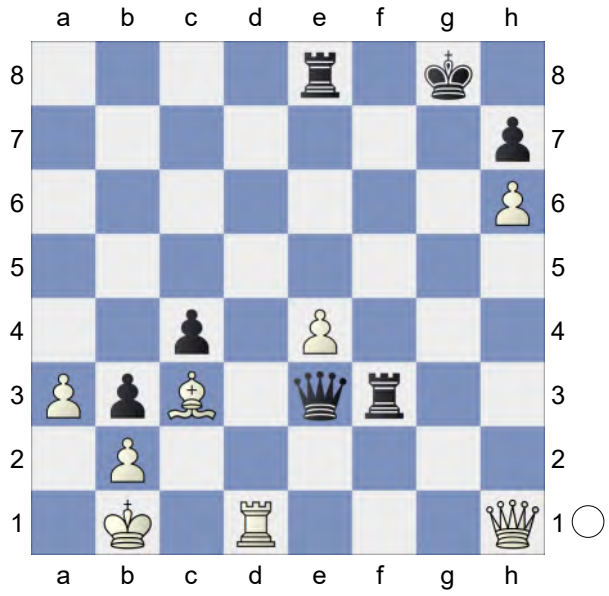
36.Bc3 -1.89/21
[36.Bb4∓ -0.85/22 Qe3 37.Qh1]
36...Qe3-+ 37.Qh1 g5? 0.04/22
[37...Rd7-+ -1.78/22 Threatens to win with ...d5!. 38.Qf1 d5 *(38...Qxh6? 39.Qxc4+ Rf7 40.Qd4+-)*]
38.Rxd6= g4 39.Rd1
[39.fxg4 Qe2 *(39...Rxe4 40.Rd8+ Re8 41.Qd1∓; 39...Qxe4+?*

40.Ka1-+) 40.Bd2 Ref8-+ *(40...Qxg4? 41.Qe1-+; 40...Qxe4+? 41.Ka1-+; 40...Rxe4 41.Rd8+ Rf8 42.Rxf8+ Kxf8 43.Bb4+ Kg8 44.Qc1-+; 40...Rf1+ 41.Qxf1* Remove Defender *Qxf1+ 42.Bc1 c3 43.bxc3 Qc4 44.Kb2 Rc8 45.Bd2 Qxe4 46.a4 Rb8 47.Rd8+ Rxd8 48.Bc1 Rb8 49.Ka1 b2+ 50.Bxb2 Qc2 51.g5 Qxb2#)*]

[39.Qh2 Qxe4+ 40.fxe4 Rf1+]

[39.Qh4!? Qg1+□ *(39...gxf3? 40.Qg4+ Kf8 41.Bb4+-)* 40.Be1=]

39...gxf3 40.gxf3 Rxf3



41.Ka1 The board is on fire. **41...Rg3**

[Not 41...Rxe4 42.Rd8+ Re8 43.Qg2+ Rg3 44.Qd5+ Kf8 45.Bb4+]

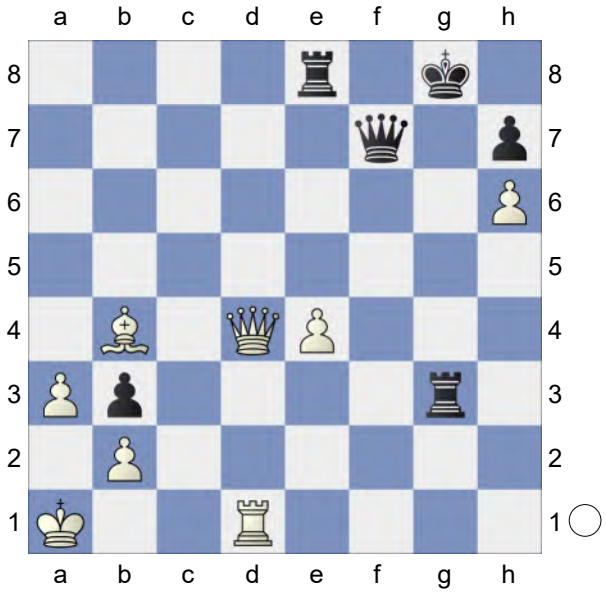
42.Qf1 Qf3? 7.76/20

[42...Qxe4= 0.00/19 43.Qf2 Qf3]

43.Qxc4++- Qf7 44.Qd4 Kf8 45.Bb4+ 8.03/18

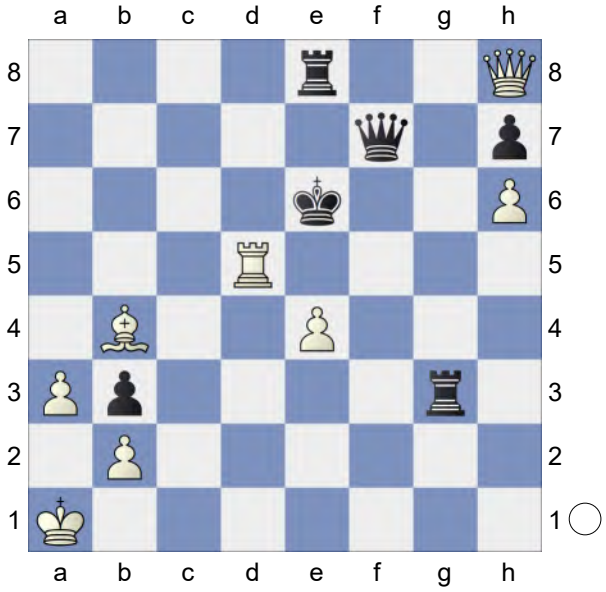
[⌓45.Qd6+ #12/13 Re7 46.Qxg3 Qg6 47.Rd8+ Re8 48.Bg7+ *(48.Bb4+ Kf7 49.Rd7+ Kg8 50.Qxg6+* Remove Defender *hxg6 51.h7+ Kh8 52.Bc3+ Re5 53.Bxe5#)* 48...Kf7 49.Qc7+ *(49.Qxb3+ Ke7+-)* 49...Re7 50.Rf8+ Ke6 51.Qc6#]

45...Kg8



46.Bc3 Kf8 47.Qh8+ White mates.

47...Ke7 48.Bb4+ Ke6 49.Rd6+ Ke7 50.Rd5+ Ke6



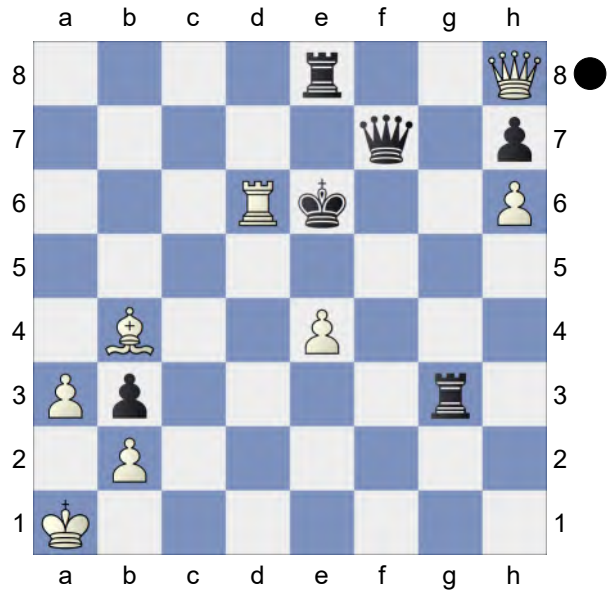
51.Rd6+ Ke7 52.Rd5+ Ke6

What a fight!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.66

53.Rd6+? 0.00/5

[53.Qe5# #1/29 mates]



½-½

65 **A40**
□ **LongLive16Hayastan** **2819**
■ **Aciboba** **2660**
Blitz 02.09.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.Nc3
[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ng4 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
5...dxe5

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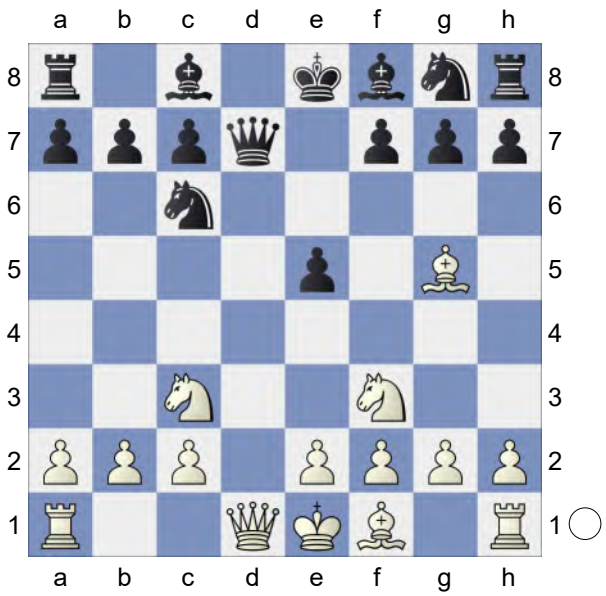
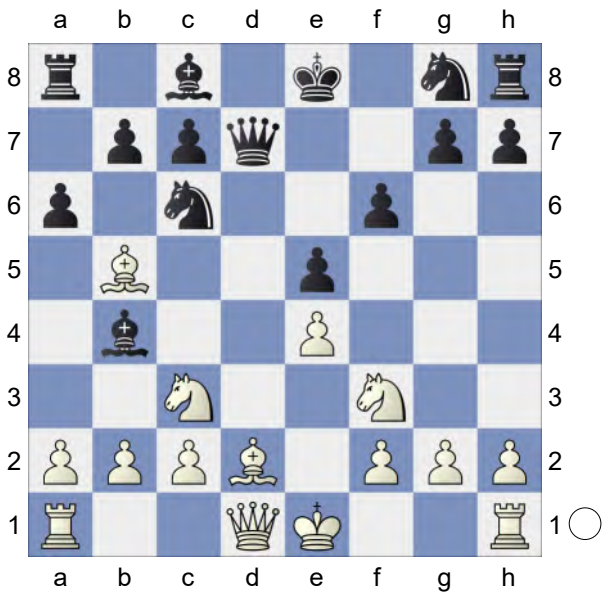
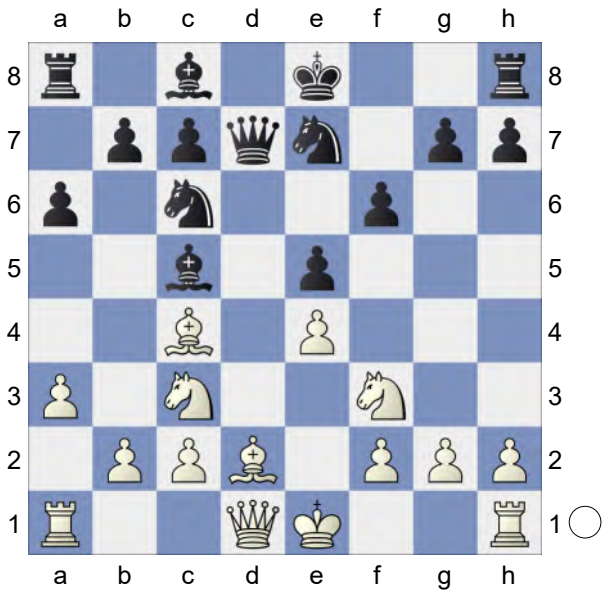


6.e4 Bb4N
[6...f6 7.Be3 Bb4 8.Bc4 Nge7 9.Qe2 Qg4 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qxe4 12.Rfd1 Bg4 13.Rab1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qg6+ 15.Kh1 b6 16.Rg1 Qf5 17.Rxg7 Rf8 18.Rd1 Rd8 19.Rxd8+ Nxd8 20.Bd3 Qe6 21.Bxh7 1-0 (34) Kletochkaa (2693)-Yagermeistervariants (2514) Blitz 2024]
7.Bb5 -0.26/18
[⌓7.Bd2 0.30/18]
7...f6 0.18/19
[7...Bxc3+ -0.26/18 8.bxc3 f6]
8.Bd2!= The position is equal. **8...a6**

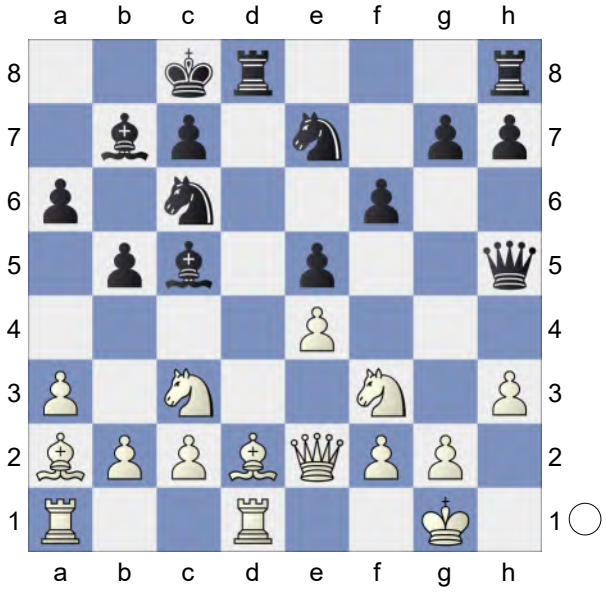
(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...Bxc3!. **9.Bc4 Nge7 10.a3 Bc5** 0.26/21
[10...Bxc3! -0.16/21 11.Bxc3 Qg4]



11.0-0 b5 12.Ba2 Bb7 13.Qe2 -0.18/17
[⩲13.Be3 0.26/20 Qxd1 14.Rfxd1 Bxe3 15.fxe3]
13...0-0-0! Black wants to play ...Nd4.
14.Rfd1 -0.88/18
[14.a4= -0.07/20 keeps the balance. Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Nd5]
14...Qg4? 1.33/21
[14...Nd4∓ -0.88/18 and life is bright. 15.Nxd4 exd4]
15.h3 0.49/18
[15.b4± 1.33/21 Bb6 16.Be3]
15...Qh5 1.51/20
[15...Qg6± 0.49/18]



16.Be3 0.44/19
[White should try 16.b4± 1.51/20 Bb6 17.Be3 *(17.a4 Nxb4 18.axb5 a5+-)*]
16...Bxe3± 17.Qxe3 Kb8 0.82/20
[17...Rxd1+± 0.46/20 is more appropriate. 18.Nxd1 *(18.Rxd1 Rd8±)* 18...Rd8]
18.Qc5 g5 1.68/19
[18...Rxd1+± 0.63/19 19.Rxd1 Qe8]

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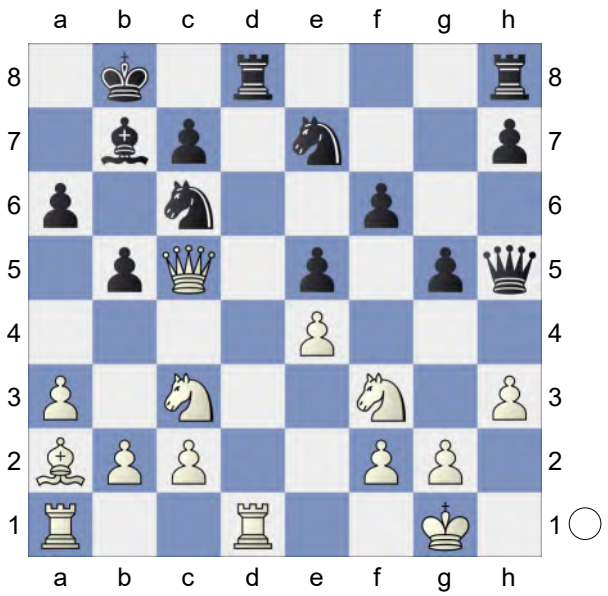
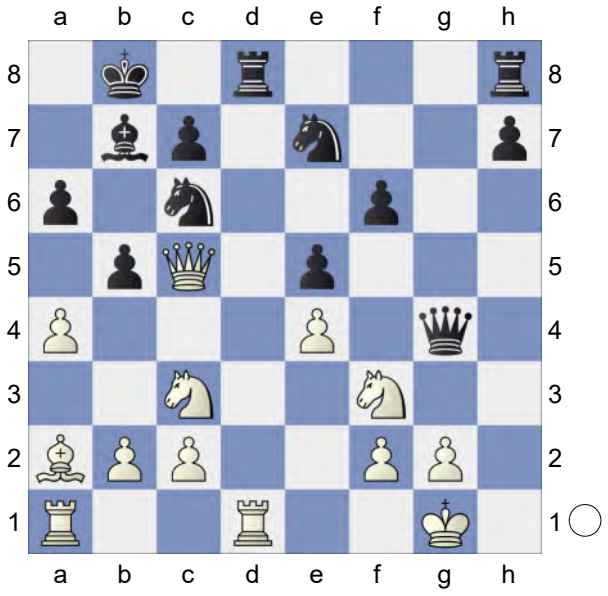
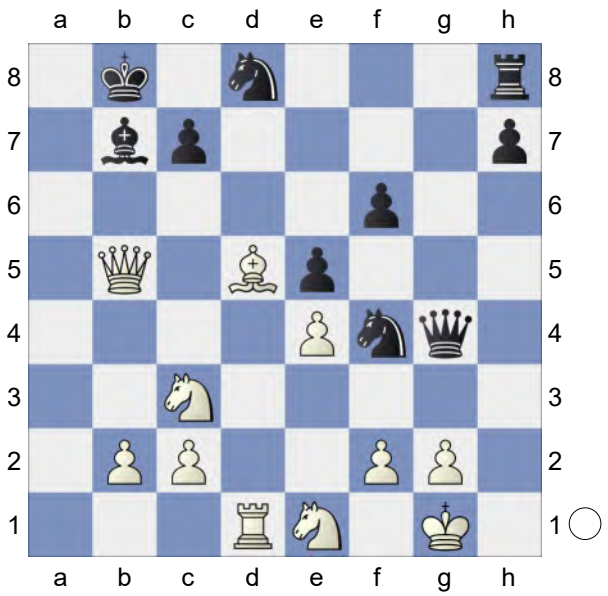


19.a4!+- g4 20.hxg4 Qxg4



21.axb5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1
[22.Nxd1?! axb5 23.Nc3 *(23.Qxb5 Qxe4 24.c3 Na7±)* 23...Rd8±]
22...axb5 23.Qxb5 Ng6 24.Bd5 Nf4 25.Ne1
[25.Bxc6? Qxg2#]
Loses the game. **25...Nd8** 3.31/20
[25...Nxd5± 1.43/20 was called for. 26.exd5 *(26.Qxd5 Rd8∓; 26.Rxd5 Nd4±)* 26...Nd4]

(Diagram)



26.Bxb7 Nxb7 27.Ra1→ White attacks with force. **27...Rg8?** 4.08/19
[27...c6 2.22/19 28.Qb6 *(28.Qxc6 Nxg2 29.Nxg2 Rg8±)* 28...Rd8]
28.Qa6 Kc8? 6.15/19
[28...c6 2.61/18 29.Qa7+ *(29.Qxc6? Nxg2 30.f3 Qg5-+)* 29...Kc7]
29.Qxf6 2.62/17
[⌓29.Qa8+ 6.15/19 Kd7 30.Qxb7]
29...Nd8? 4.95/17
[29...Kb8 2.62/17 30.Qa6 *(30.Qxe5? Nxg2 31.Qg3 Nxe1-+)* 30...c6 31.Qa7+ *(31.Qxc6? Nxg2-+)* 31...Kc7]
30.Ra8+
[And not 30.Qxe5 Nxg2 31.Kf1 *(31.Ra8+? Kb7-+)* 31...Ne3+ 32.fxe3 Rf8+∓]
30...Kd7

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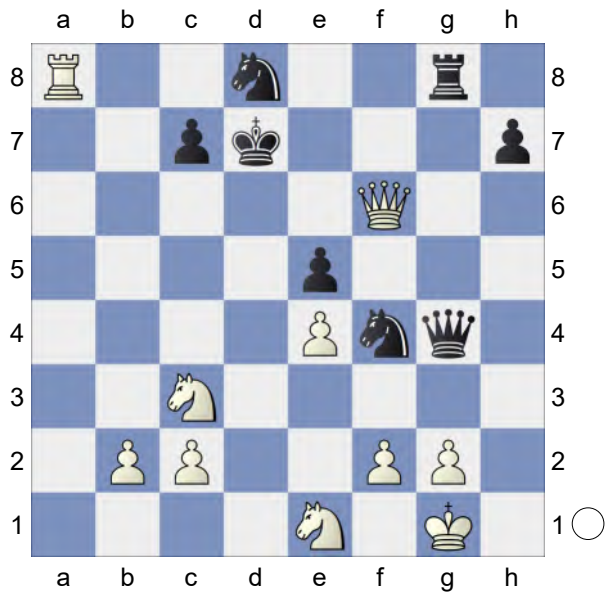
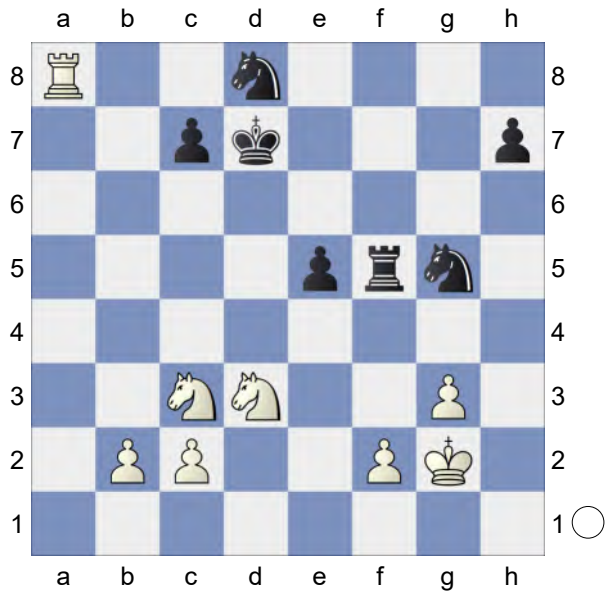


31.Qf5+ Qxf5 32.exf5 Rf8 33.g3 Nh3+ 34.Kg2 Ng5 35.Nd3 Rxf5



36.Nc5+ Ke7 37.Nd5+ Kd6 38.Rxd8+ Kxc5 Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **39.Ne7**

[Don't take 39.Nxc7 e4 40.Ne8 Rf8 41.Rc8+ Kd4+-]

39...Rf7 40.Rd5+ Kb6

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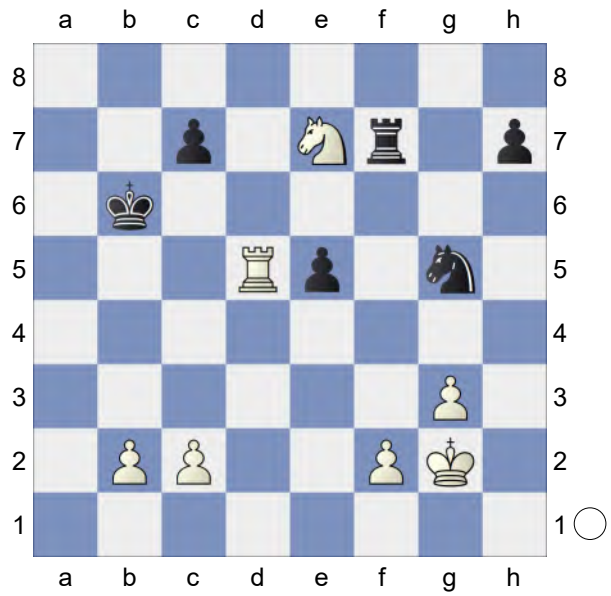
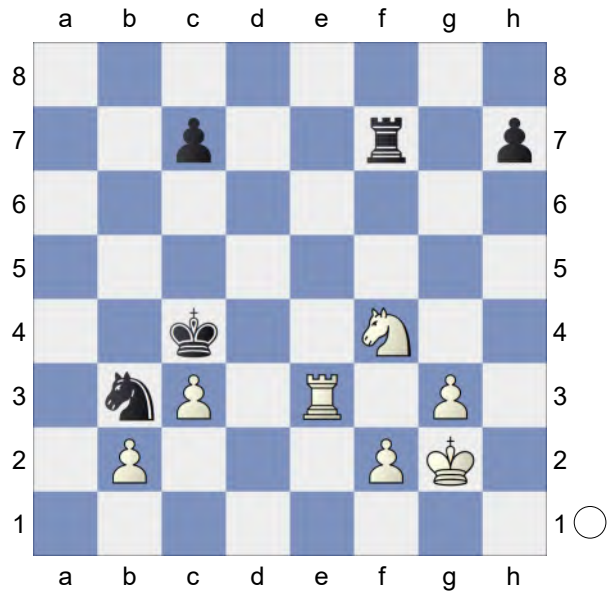


41.Rxe5 Nf3 42.Re3 Nd4 43.c3 Nb3 44.Nd5+ Kc5 45.Nf4 Kc4



46.Re4+ White is clearly winning.

46...Kc5 47.Nd3+ Kd6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.58

48.Nf4

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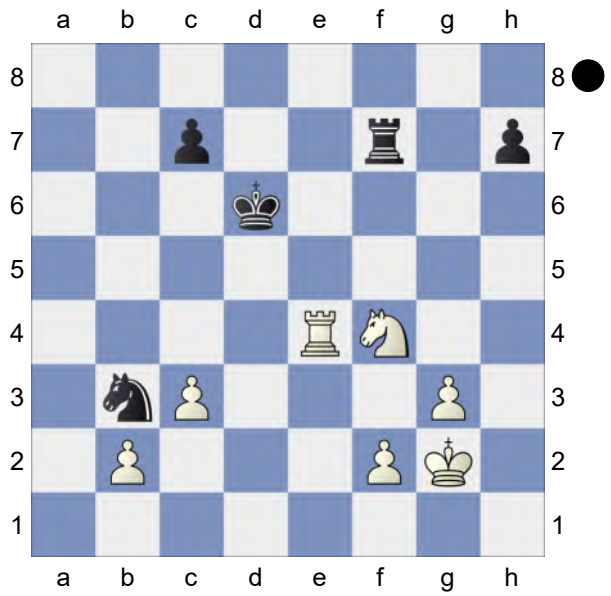

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66 **A40**
□ **milacek** **2808**
■ **Aciboba** **2719**
Blitz 17.03.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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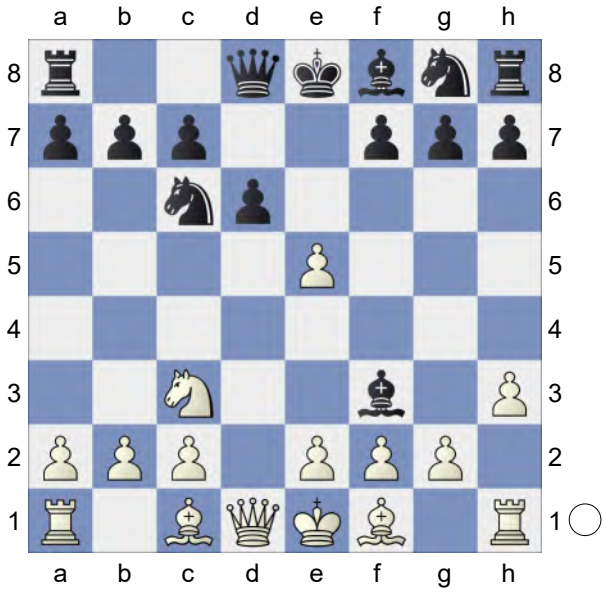
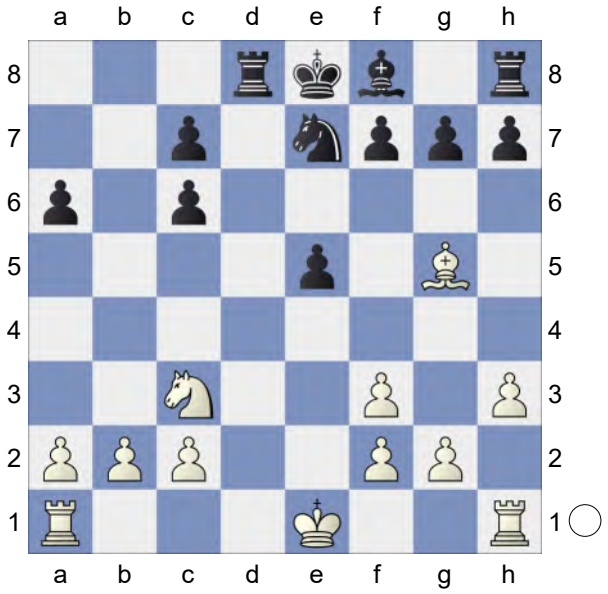
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3N**
[5.Bg5 Qd7 6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]
[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.e4 *(6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6* 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)*)* 6...Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxd6 a4 18.Qc4 Rfc8 19.Bf4 Qb7 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]
5...Bxf3

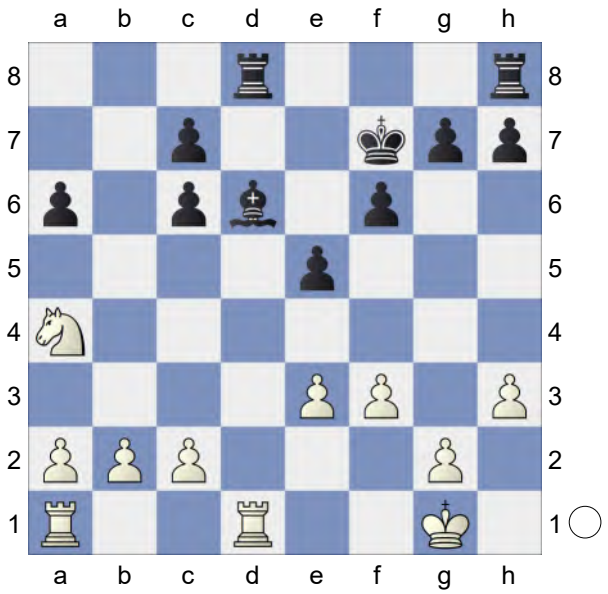


6.exf3
[6.gxf3?! dxe5 7.Be3 f5=]
6...dxe5 7.Qxd8+ 0.46/18
[Better is 7.Bd3± 0.89/16]

7...Rxd8± 8.Bb5 White is slightly better.
8...Nge7 9.Bg5 a6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6



11.0-0 f6 12.Be3 Nd5 13.Na4 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Kf7 15.Rfd1 Bd6



16.Kf2 Ke6 0.95/21
[16...h5± 0.46/20 might be stronger.]
17.e4 h5 White now steadily converts the win. **18.Rd3 Rb8** 1.14/23
[Black should try 18...Bb4 0.76/21]
19.Rad1 Rb4 20.b3 g5 2.40/17
[20...a5± 1.15/21 21.Rc3 Kd7]

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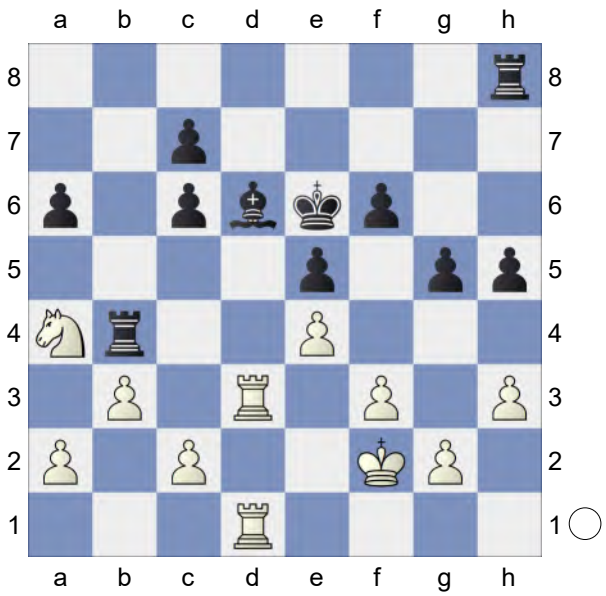

21.Rc3+- g4 3.07/20
[⌓21...Kd7 2.19/18 22.Nc5+ Kc8 23.Nxa6 Discovered Attack Rb5]
22.Rxc6
[22.fxg4 hxg4 23.Nc5+ *(23.Rxc6 gxh3 24.Nc5+ Kf7=; 23.hxg4 Rxe4 24.Nc5+ Bxc5+ 25.Rxc5 Rxg4±)* 23...Bxc5+ 24.Rxc5 gxh3±]
22...gxh3 23.Nc5+
[23.Rxa6 hxg2 24.c4 *(24.Kxg2 Rg8+ 25.Kh2 Rd4±)* 24...Rg8±]
23...Ke7 24.Nxa6? 0.31/22
[24.Rdxd6+- 2.97/21 White threatens Rd7+ and mate. cxd6 25.Rc7+ Ke8 26.Rc8+ Skewer *(26.Nxa6 h2∓)* 26...Kf7 27.Rxh8 dxc5 28.gxh3]
24...Rd4? 2.72/18
[24...Rb6± 0.31/22 25.Rxc7+ *(25.Rdxd6? Rxc6 26.Rxc6 h2-+)* 25...Bxc7 26.Nxc7 Rc6 27.Nd5+ Kf7]
25.Rxd4 exd4

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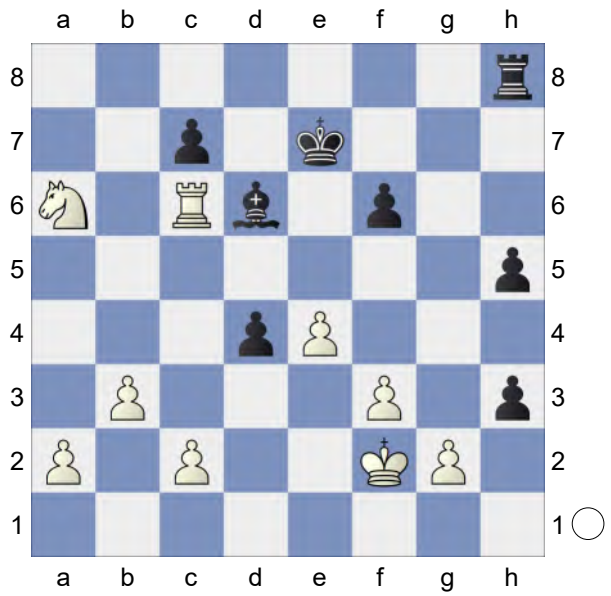


26.gxh3 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is two pawns up.

[26.Nxc7? h2 *(26...Kd7? 27.Rxd6+ Kxd6 28.Nb5+ Kc5 29.gxh3-+)* 27.Nd5+ Kd7-+]

26...Rg8 27.b4 And now b5! would win.

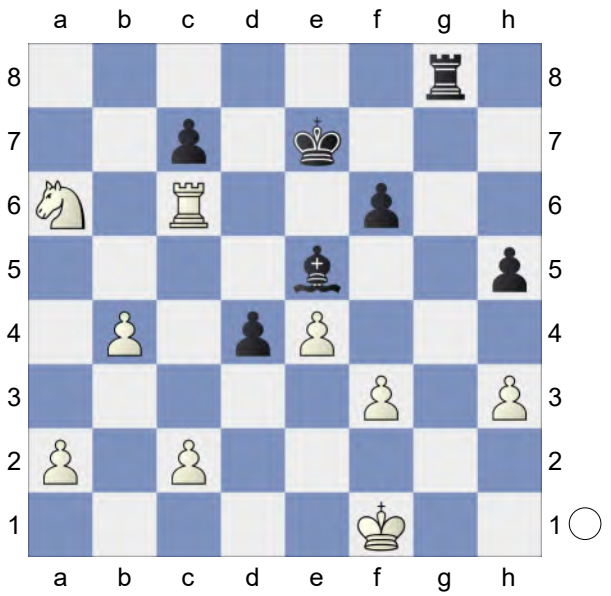
[Stronger than 27.Nxc7 Kd7 28.Rxd6+ Kxd6 29.Nb5+ Kc5=]

27...Bg3+ 28.Ke2 Be5 29.Kf2 Inhibits Rg2+.

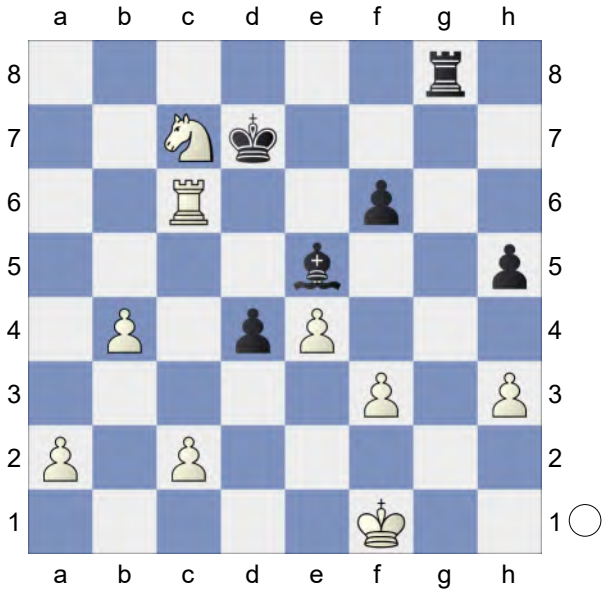
[29.Nxc7 Kd7 30.Nd5 Rg2+ *(30...Kxc6? 31.Ne7+ Kb5 32.Nxg8+-)* 31.Kf1 Rg3+-]

29...Bg3+ 30.Kf1 Be5

(Diagram)



31.Nxc7 Kd7



32.Nd5! Rg3

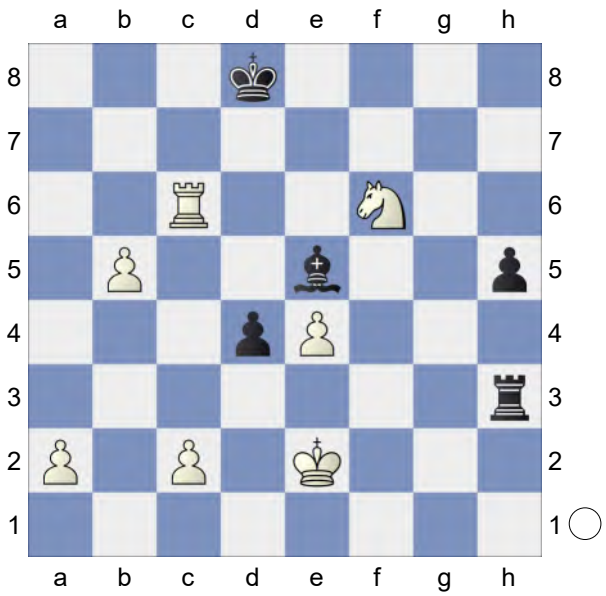
[32...Kxc6 33.Ne7+ Kb5 34.Nxg8+-]

33.b5

[33.Nxf6+? perishes. Kxc6 34.Nd5 Rxf3+ *(34...Rxh3? 35.Ke2-+)* 35.Ke2 Rxh3 36.Ne7+ Kb5-+ *(36...Kd7? 37.Nf5-+)*]

33...Rxf3+ 34.Ke2 Rxh3 35.Nxf6+ Kd8

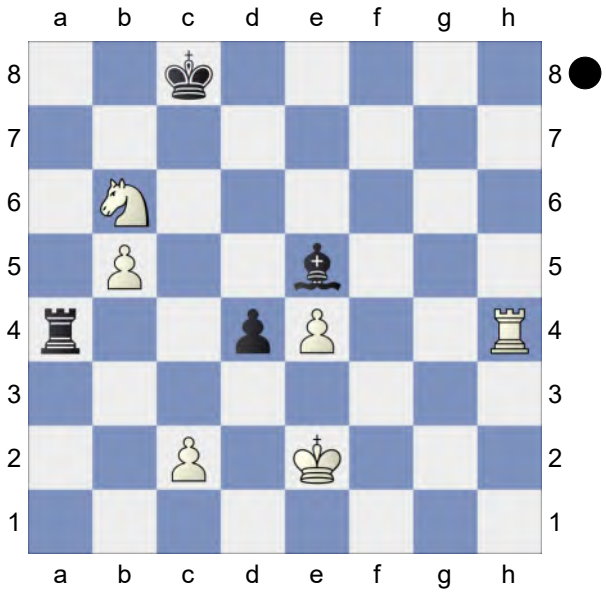
(Diagram)



36.Nd5 h4 37.Rh6 White is clearly winning. **37...Kc8 38.a4 Ra3 39.Rxh4 Rxa4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.57

40.Nb6+



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67 **A40**

□ **L04d1ng** **2766**

■ **Aciboba** **2689**

Blitz 20.03.2020

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6

[2...Nc6 3.Nf3 Qe7 4.Bf4 Qb4+ 5.Bd2 Qxb2 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.Rb3 Qa5 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Qc5 11.e3 a6 12.Bd3 Nge7 13.0-0 Ng6 14.Qa1 0-0 15.Rd1 Qe7 16.Be4 Re8 17.h3 (21) Richardson,J 29/275 Lone Pine 1980]

3.Nf3

[3.Bf4 Nc6 4.exd6 Qf6 5.Bc1 Bxd6 6.c3 Bf5 7.e3 0-0-0 8.Nd2 Qg6 9.h3 Nf6 10.Ngf3 Rhe8 11.Qa4 Bc2 12.Nb3 Ne4 13.Nh4 Qg3 14.fxg3 Bxg3+ 15.Ke2 Bd1# N,N-Charlik #4566 Chess: 5334 Problems, Combination 1903]

3...Bg4N

[3...c5 4.Nc3 Qa5 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qxd6 Ne7 7.e4 Nbc6 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bd2 0-0 10.Nd5 Qa4 11.Nxe7+ Nxe7 12.Qxe7 Re8 13.Qxc5 Qxe4+ 14.Be3 b6 15.Qc4+ Qe6 16.Nd4 Qf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Bc4+ 1-0 (25) Ruy Lopez Keres Variation (1436)-Vymetal Bled/Portoroz 27/690 1979]

4.Bf4 Nc6 5.exd6 Qf6

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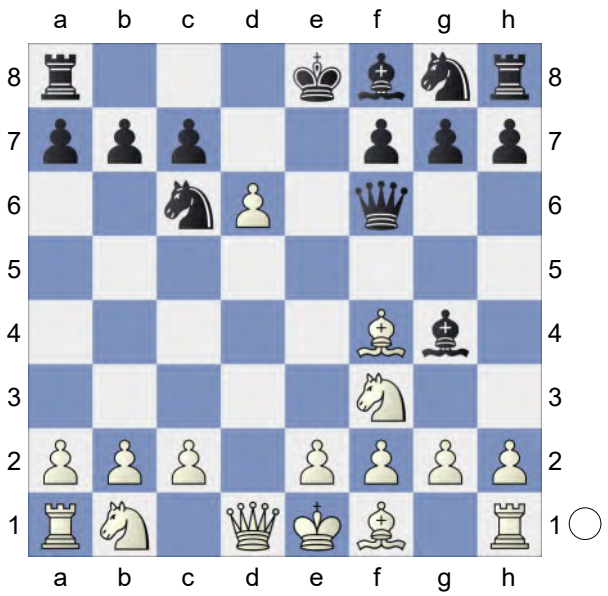
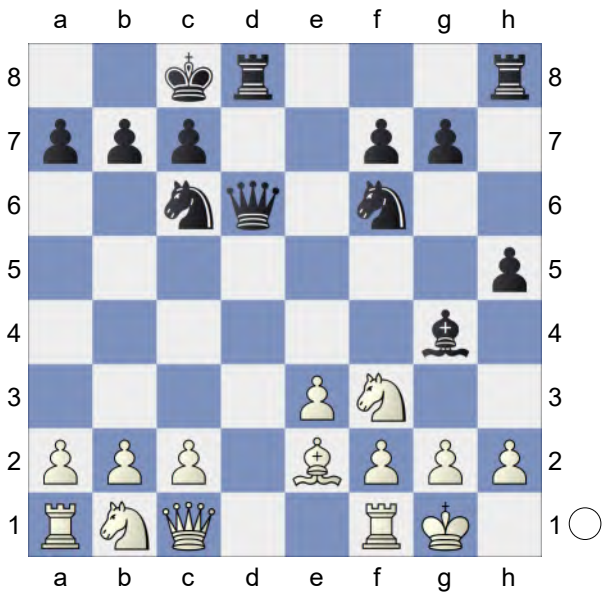


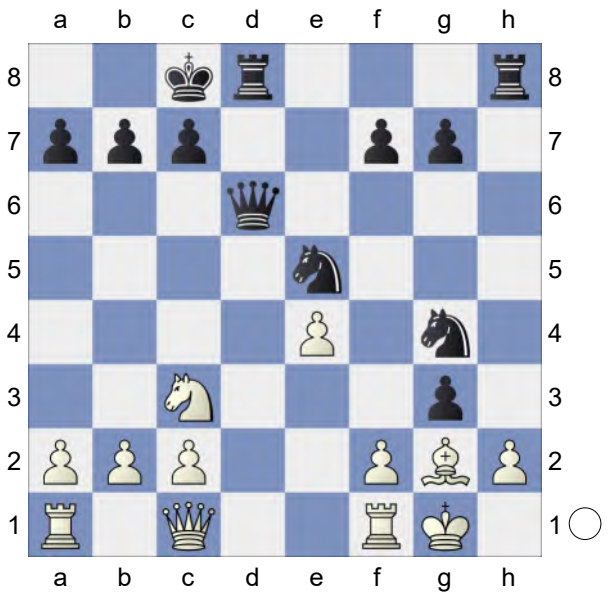
6.Qc1 0.75/17
[⌓6.e3 1.17/20]
6...Bxd6± 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.e3 -0.22/19
[White should play 8.Qd2± 0.75/20]
8...0-0-0 0.56/20
[8...Bxf3= -0.22/19 9.gxf3 0-0-0]
9.Be2 Nf6 0.97/18
[9...Bxf3!± 0.34/18 10.Bxf3 Ne5]
10.0-0 0.15/21
[10.Nbd2± 0.97/18]
10...h5 1.23/18
[10...Bxf3!= 0.15/21 remains equal. 11.Bxf3 Ne5]

(Diagram)



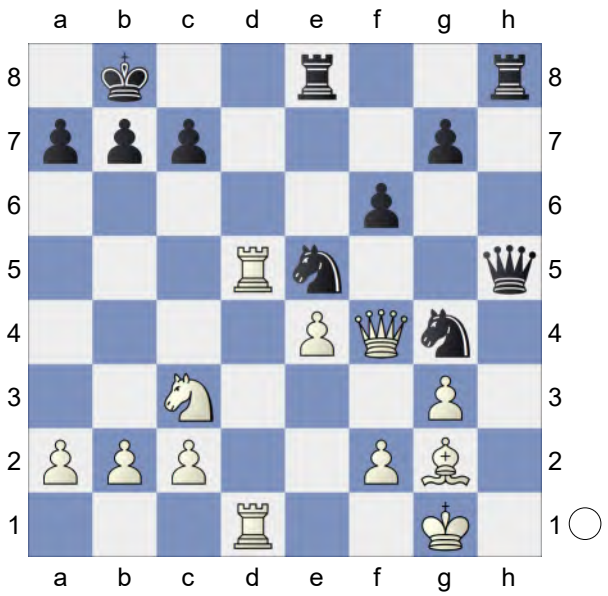
11.Nc3 0.16/19
[11.Rd1!± 1.23/18 Qc5 12.Nbd2]
11...Bxf3!= 12.Bxf3 -0.87/20
[12.Rd1!± 0.45/19 Qe5 *(12...Bd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.c4=)* 13.gxf3 *(13.Bxf3 Ng4±)*]
12...Ng4∓ 13.g3 Nce5! 14.Bg2 h4 15.e4 -1.65/20
[15.Rd1∓ -0.79/25 Qf6 16.Rxd8+ Rxd8 17.Qf1]
15...hxg3 -1.20/19
[Better is 15...Nxh2!-+ -1.65/20 16.Kxh2 hxg3+ 17.Kg1 Ng4]

(Diagram)

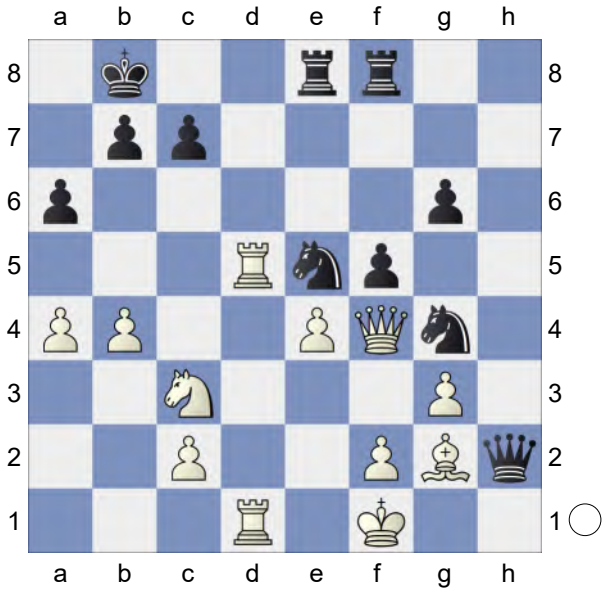


16.hxg3 Qg6 Black is much more active.
[16...Nh2 17.Rd1 Qf6 18.Rxd8+ Kxd8 19.Qf4 Nef3+ 20.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 21.Kg2 Nh4+ 22.Kf1 *(22.gxh4? Qxf4 23.Rd1+ Kc8-+)* 22...Qxf4 23.gxf4±]
17.Qf4 Kb8 Black has strong compensation. **18.Rad1 Rde8 19.Rd5** -1.86/22
[19.Rd2∓ -1.41/20]
19...Qh5→ White is in trouble. **20.Rfd1 f6** -0.73/18
[20...c6!-+ -1.80/18 and Black stays clearly on top. 21.R5d4 g5]

(Diagram)



21.a4 -1.67/21
[21.Qf5∓ -0.73/18 Qh2+ 22.Kf1]
21...a6 22.b4 -1.84/19
[22.a5∓ -0.80/20 was necessary.]
22...Rhf8? 0.08/16
[22...g5-+ -1.84/19 23.Qf5 c6]
23.Qf5? -2.37/19
[23.b5!= 0.08/16 and White is okay.]
23...Qh2+ 24.Kf1 g6 25.Qf4 f5



26.exf5

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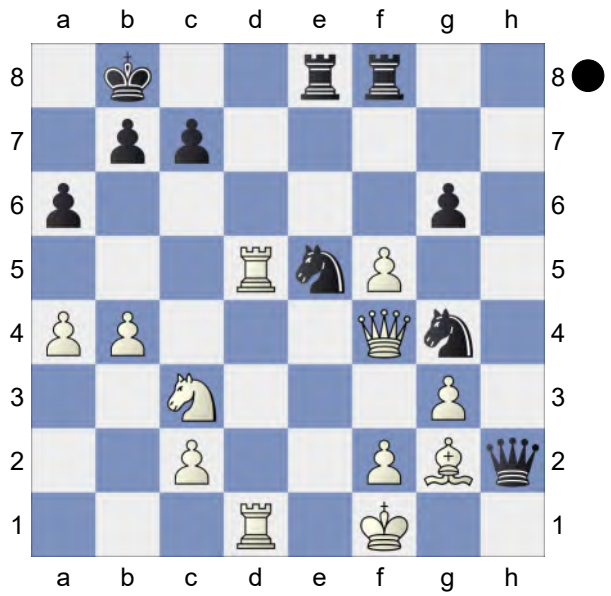
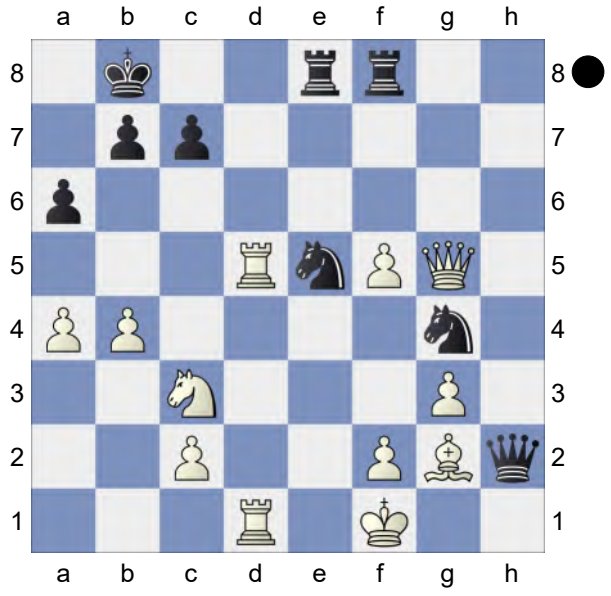
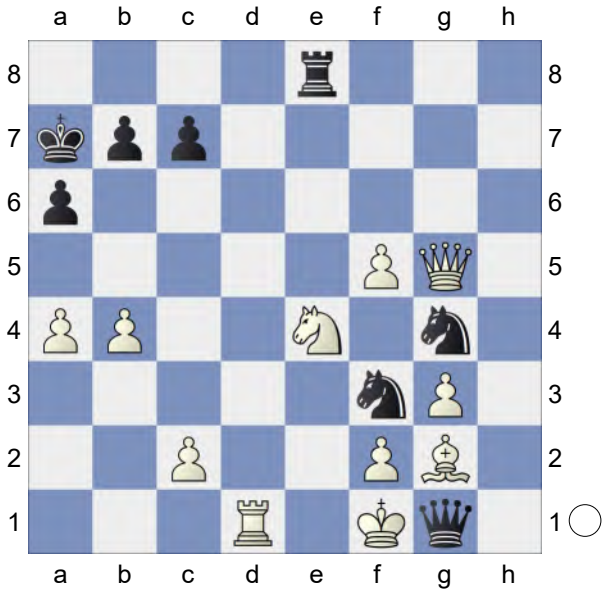


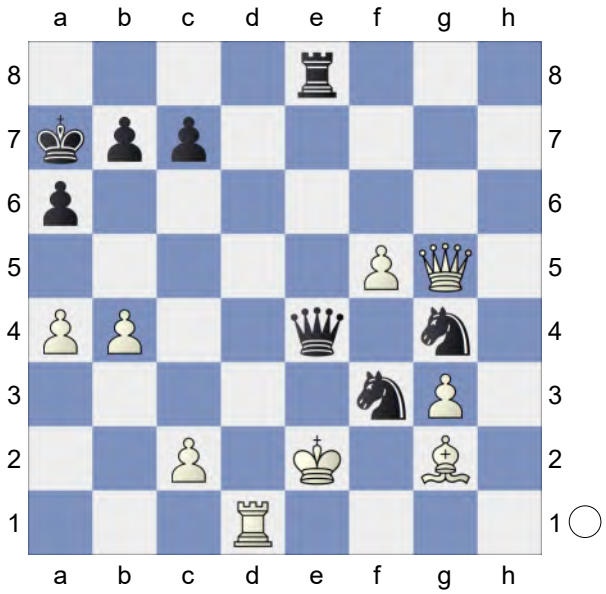
Hoping for Rxe5!. **26...g5?** 0.52/20
[26...Qh8!-+ -1.66/18 ...Nxf2! is the strong threat. 27.Rxe5 Nxe5]
27.Qxg5? -5.56/17
[27.Qe4!± 0.52/20 is the one way to stay ahead. c6 *(27...Nf6 28.Rd8+* Discovered Attack *Rxd8 29.Qxb7#)*
28.Rxe5 Nxe5 29.b5]



27...Nf3! A dynamic duo of knights.
28.Rd8+ Black mates. **28...Ka7**
29.Rxe8 Rxe8
[Worse is 29...Nxg5 30.Rxf8 Nh3 31.Ne2 Nhxf2 32.Rdd8=]
30.Ne4 Qg1+



31.Ke2 Qxf2+
[31...Nxg5? 32.Rxg1 Nxe4 33.Bxe4 Rxe4+ 34.Kf3 Rxb4 35.Re1-+]
32.Kd3 Qd4+ Deflection, Double Attack
33.Ke2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.37
33...Qxe4+



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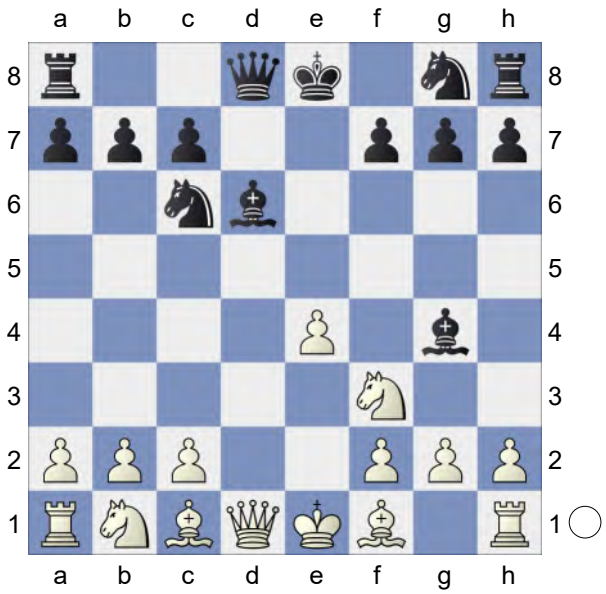
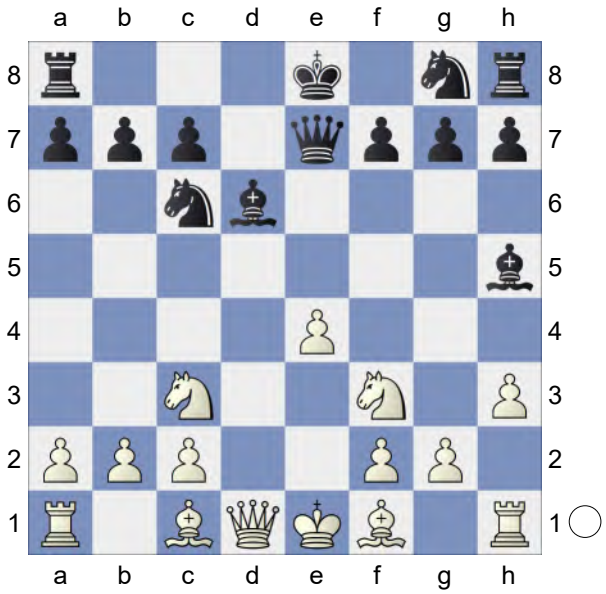
68 **A40**
□ **CaptainRokus** **2837**
■ **PchelkinVK** **2648**
Blitz 03.01.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.exd6
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bxd6 5.e4 Bg4 1.06/19
[5...Nf6± 0.41/20]

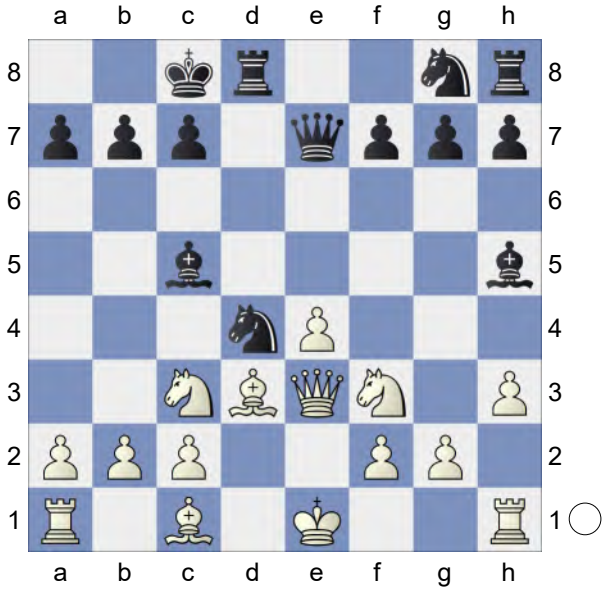


6.h3N
[6.Be2 Qe7 7.Nc3 0-0-0 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.0-0 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Qxe4 11.Bd3 Bxf3 12.Bxe4 Bxd1 13.Raxd1 Ne5 14.Bc3 g6 15.f4 Nc4 16.Bxh8 Rxh8 17.Rfe1 Rd8 18.b3 Nb6 19.c4 Re8 20.Bxb7+ Kxb7 1-0 (32) Bashirli,S (1986)-Nevska,G (1863) Swiss Queens Wed #44 blitz 2024 (11)]

6...Bh5 7.Nc3 Qe7



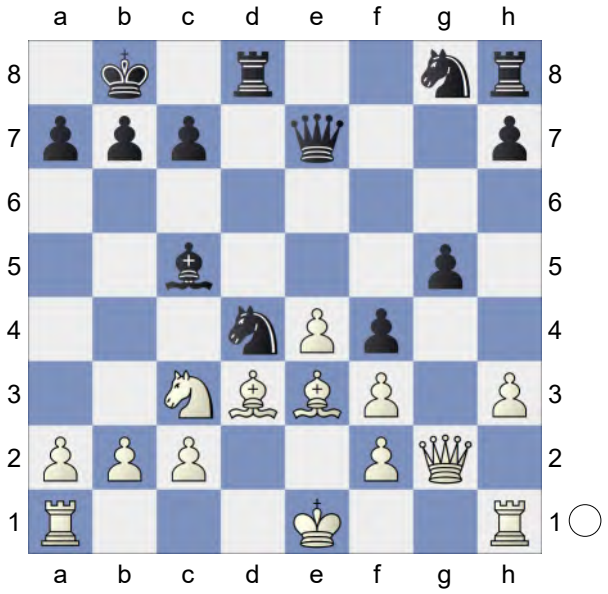
8.Bd3 0.33/19
[8.Bb5!± 1.27/19]
8...0-0-0 9.Qe2 Nd4 10.Qe3 Bc5 0.96/21
[10...Nxf3+!± 0.42/19 11.gxf3 Bc5]



11.Qf4 0.25/19
[11.Nxd4± 0.96/21 Bxd4 12.Qf4]
11...Bxf3= 12.gxf3 Kb8 13.Be3 g5 1.28/22 **14.Qg3± f5 15.Qg2** 0.46/18
[15.exf5± 1.26/21 Threatens to win with 0-0-0!. Bd6 16.Qg2 *(16.Qxg5?*

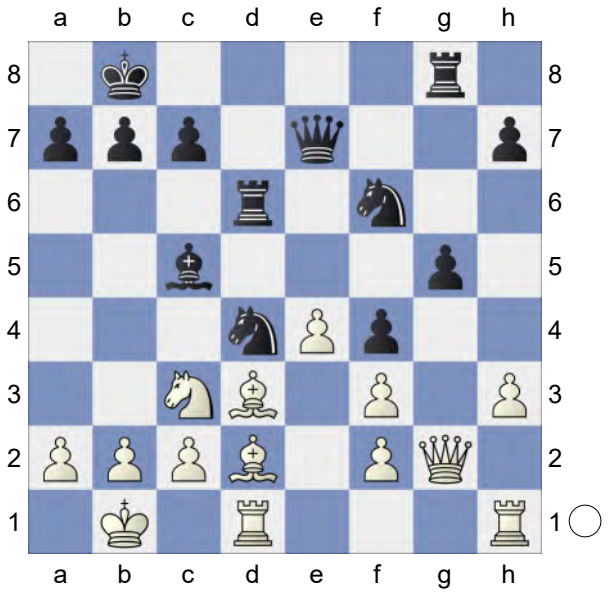
Nxf3+ 17.Kf1 Nxg5-+)]

15...f4±



16.Bd2 Nf6 17.0-0-0! Rhg8 18.Kb1 Rd6? 3.49/18

[Black should play 18...Qe6± 0.56/18]

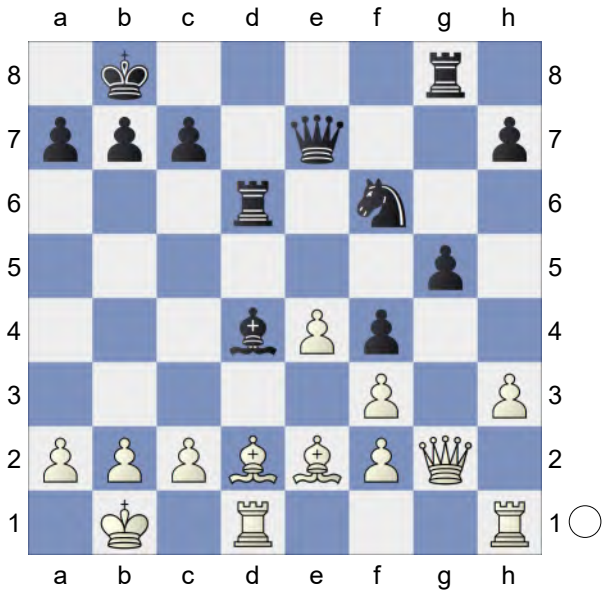


19.Ne2? 0.39/20

[White has to play 19.e5!+- 3.49/18 Nxf3 *(19...Qxe5? 20.Rhe1+-)* 20.exd6 Nxd2+ 21.Rxd2 Bxd6 22.Bc4]

19...Nxe2 20.Bxe2 Bd4 1.34/19

[⌓20...a6 0.73/20]



21.Bc1 0.64/20

[White should play 21.Bc4± 1.34/19 Rgd8 22.Qxg5]

21...Rgd8 3.58/19

[21...h6± 0.64/20]

22.Qxg5+- Rb6 23.c3

[23.Bxf4 Rxb2+ *(23...Qa3 24.Bxc7+ Ka8 25.Qb5 Rxb5 26.Kc1 Be3+ 27.Rd2 Qxb2+ 28.Kd1 Qb1#)* 24.Ka1 Qa3 *(24...Rxc2+ 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.Rc1∓; 24...Qe6? 25.Bxc7+* Decoy *Kxc7 26.Qa5+ Qb6 27.Qxb6+* Remove Defender *Rxb6+ 28.Rxd4-+)* 25.Bxc7+ Ka8 *(25...Kxc7 26.Qf4+ Kc6 27.Qxf6+* Decoy *Bxf6 28.Rd6+ Rxd6 29.Bc4 Rxc2+* Discovered Attack (Check), Double Attack *30.Kb1 Qb2#)* 26.Bc4 Rxc2+ 27.Kb1 Qb2#]

23...Bxc3 3.96/21

[23...Rg8 2.67/17]

24.Rxd8+

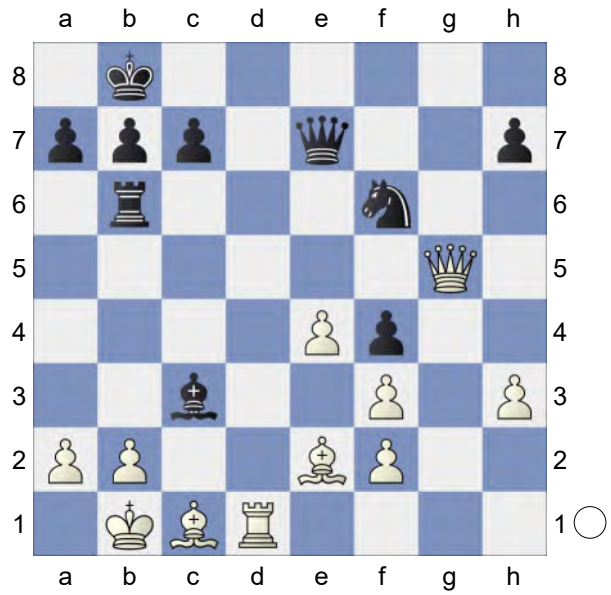
[24.Bxf4? Rxb2+ 25.Kc1 Rxd1+ *(25...Rxe2? 26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.Qb5-+)* 26.Rxd1 Rxe2-+]

[24.Qxf4 Rf8+-]

24...Qxd8 25.Rd1

[25.Bxf4? Rxb2+ 26.Kc1 Rxe2-+]
[25.Qxf4 Qh8+-]

25...Qe7



26.Qc5 Deflection, Back Rank
[26.Bxf4? Rxb2+ 27.Kc1 Rxe2-+]
[26.Qxf4 a5 27.Qe3 Qe5 28.Rd8+ Ka7+-]

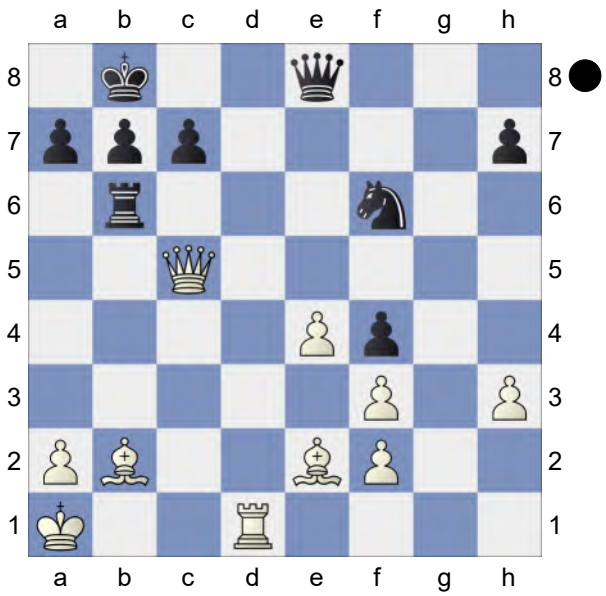
26...Bxb2 5.18/21
[Avoid the trap 26...Rxb2+? 27.Bxb2 Qe8 28.Qxc3+- *(28.Bxc3 b6+-)*]
[26...Bb4 3.68/17 was called for. 27.Qxe7 Bxe7 28.Bxf4 Kc8]

27.Bxb2 Qe8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.70

28.Ka1

(Diagram)



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69 **A40**
□ **Night-King96** **2813**
■ **Statham_13** **2413**
Blitz 26.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44)

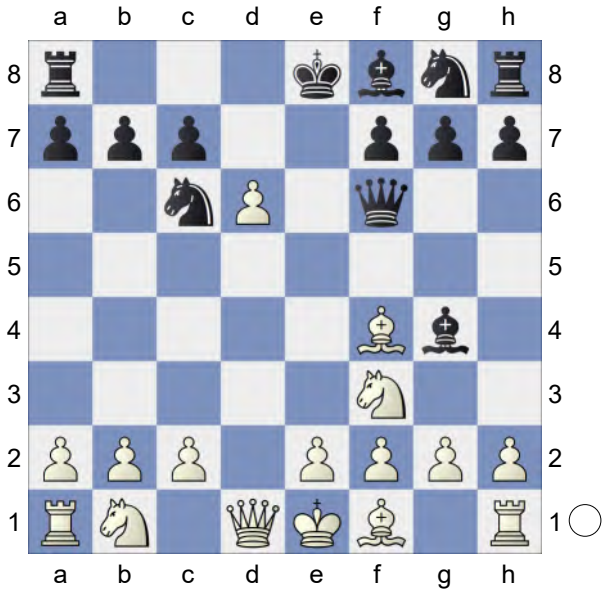
Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4.Bf4N

[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 19.Qd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero, M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]

[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch, A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

4...Nc6 5.exd6 Qf6



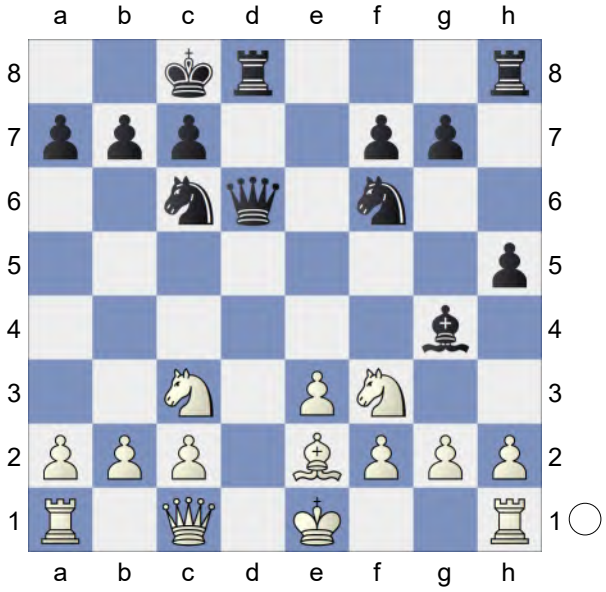
6.Qc1 Bxd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Nc3 -0.28/18

[8.Qd2± 1.15/19]

8...0-0-0= Black has compensation. **9.e3 Nf6** 0.22/19

[9...Bxf3∓ -0.55/21 10.gxf3 Kb8]

10.Be2 h5



11.h3 Be6 1.03/18

[11...Bxf3± 0.45/18 12.Bxf3 g5]

12.0-0± Rdg8 1.54/18

[⌓12...Qc5 1.12/17]

13.e4 g5 Deflection **14.Nxg5** 0.59/17

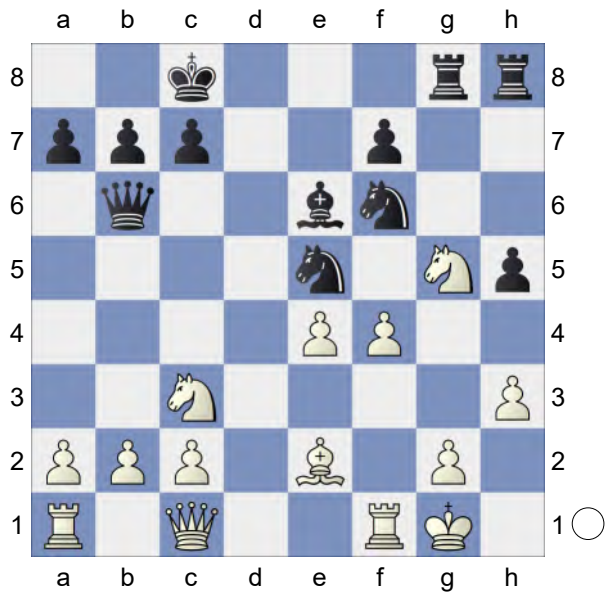
[14.Qe3± 1.03/22]

This costs Black the game. **14...Ne5?** 2.82/18

[14...Ng4!± 0.59/17 15.hxg4 hxg4]

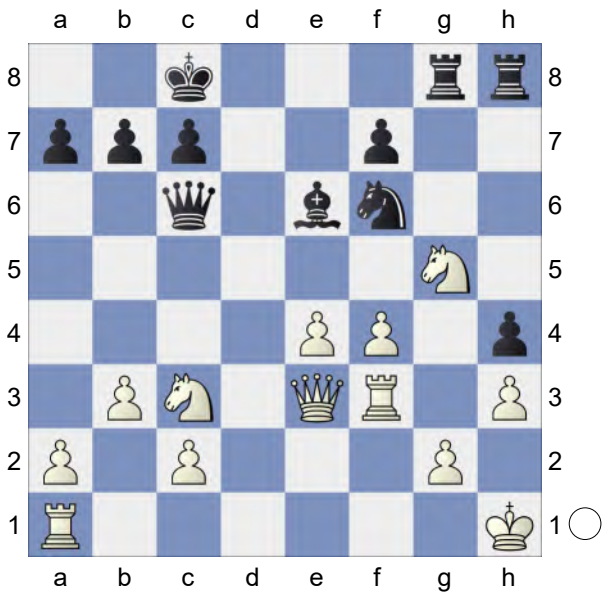
15.f4+- Qb6+

(Diagram)

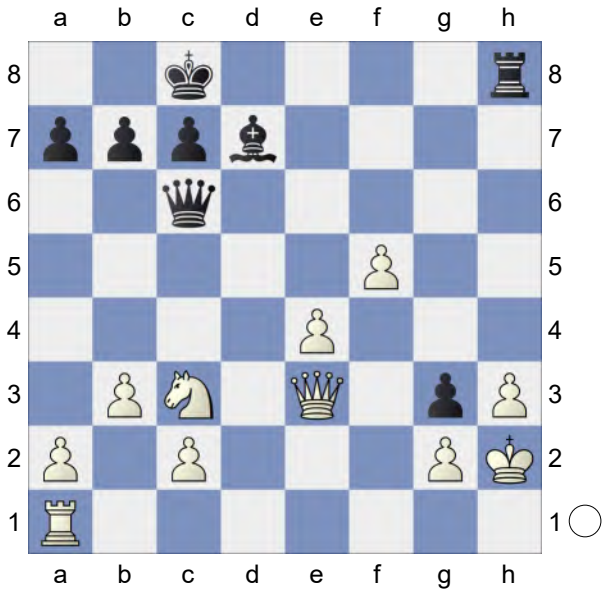


16.Kh1! Nc4 4.09/19
[⌓16...Neg4 2.73/16 17.e5 *(17.hxg4? perishes. Rxg5 18.g3 hxg4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *19.Kg2 Rgh5-+)* 17...Nd5 18.Nxd5 *(18.hxg4? hxg4+-+)* 18...Bxd5]
17.Bxc4 2.05/16
[⌓17.f5 4.09/19 Ne3 18.fxe6 Rxg5 19.Rf3 *(19.Rxf6 Rxg2 20.exf7* Discovered Attack *Qxf6+-)* 19...fxe6 20.Qxe3 *(20.Rxf6 Rxg2 21.Bf3 Rg3=)* 20...Qxe3 21.Rxe3]
17...Bxc4 18.Rf3 and b3 should not be overlooked **18...h4?** 3.64/20
[18...Ng4 1.96/17 might work better.]
19.b3 Be6 20.Qe3 Qc6? 4.41/17
[20...Qxe3 2.49/17 21.Rxe3 Nh5]

(Diagram)



21.f5 Bd7 22.Nxf7 Nh5 6.42/19
[⌓22...Rh5 4.17/16 23.Rd1 *(23.Qxa7 Qa6+-)* 23...Rg7]
23.Nxh8 White is clearly winning.
23...Ng3+ 24.Kh2 Rxh8 25.Rxg3 hxg3+



26.Qxg3 Qh6
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27.Nd5

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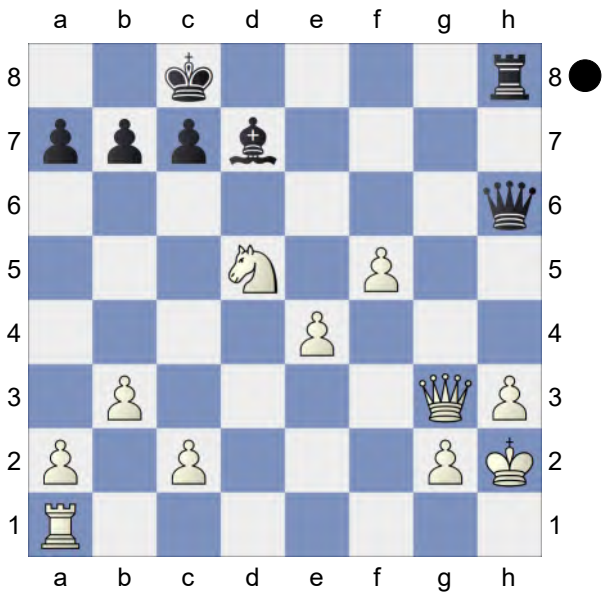

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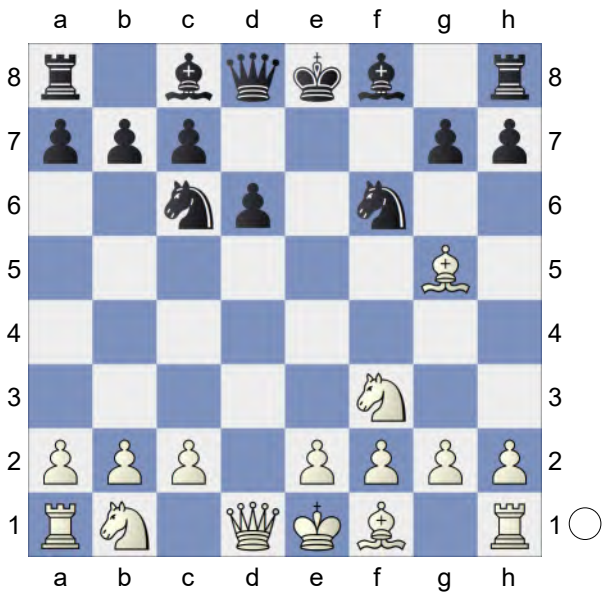
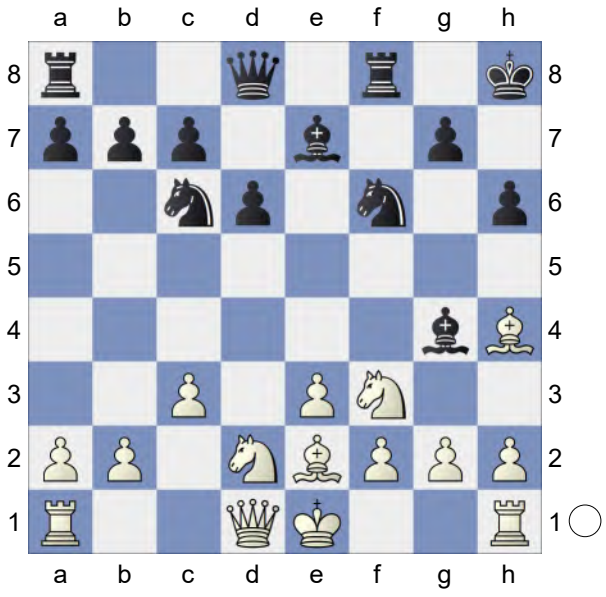
70 **A40**
□ **Joven_jubilado** **2554**
■ **YagermeisterVariants** **2508**
Blitz 25.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 f6
[4...b5 is a sac]
5.exf6 Nxf6

(Diagram)



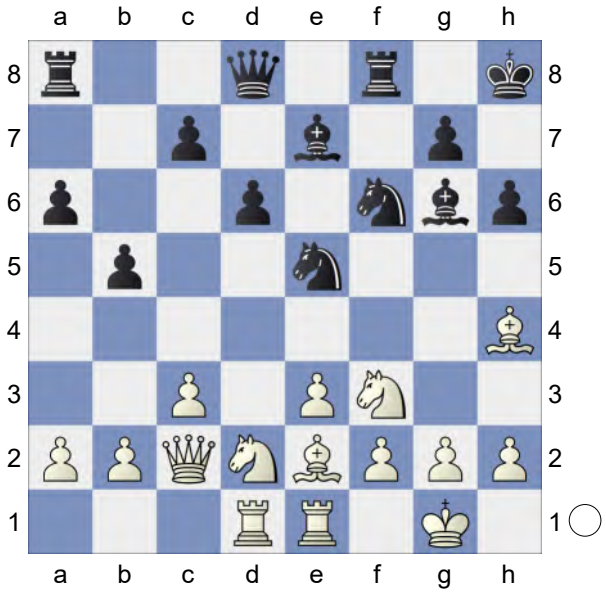
6.e3 Be7 1.59/19
[⌓6...h6 1.18/20]
7.Nbd2N
[7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 Bf5 9.0-0 13) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit with 3...d6 #1]
7...0-0 8.c3 White is clearly better.
8...Bg4 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 Kh8



11.Qa4 Hoping for Bxf6. **11...Bh5 12.0-0 a6 13.Rfe1 b5 14.Qc2 Ne5?** 4.59/19
[14...Qe8 1.79/19 15.a4 b4]
15.Rad1? 1.57/19

[15.Nxe5+- 4.59/19 has better winning chances. Be8 16.Ng6+ Bxg6 17.Qxg6]

15...Bg6±



16.Qb3 0.96/21

[⌓16.Qc1! 1.46/21]

16...Nxf3+ 17.Nxf3

[17.gxf3 Nd7 18.Qe6 Bf6=]

17...Ng4 2.17/20 Against Ne5

[17...Ne4± 1.15/19 18.Ne5 Be8 19.Bxe7 Qxe7]

18.Bxe7 1.02/20

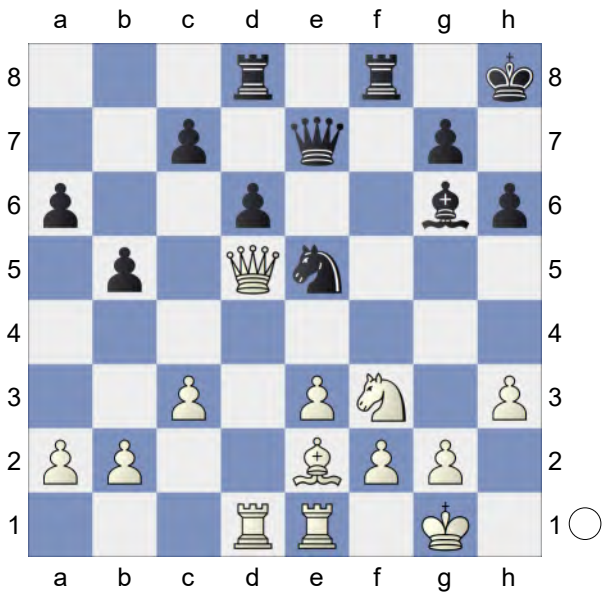
[18.Qe6+- 2.17/20 Bxh4 19.Qxg4]

18...Qxe7 19.h3 Ne5 20.Qd5 1.01/18

[⌓20.Nxe5 1.43/19 dxe5 21.c4]

20...Rad8

(Diagram)



21.Nd4 0.32/19

[21.Nxe5± 0.99/20 dxe5 22.Qc6]

21...Qf6 1.29/18

[21...Bf7± 0.32/19 22.Qb7 Rb8]

22.f4 Nd7 1.76/19

[22...Rde8± 1.40/19]

23.b4 0.58/19

[White should play 23.Qc6+- 1.76/19]

23...Bf7 1.22/21

[23...Nb6± 0.58/19 24.Qc6 Rfe8]

24.Qc6 White is more active. **24...Bxa2** 2.57/20

[24...Nb6± 1.28/18]

25.Qxa6+- Bf7

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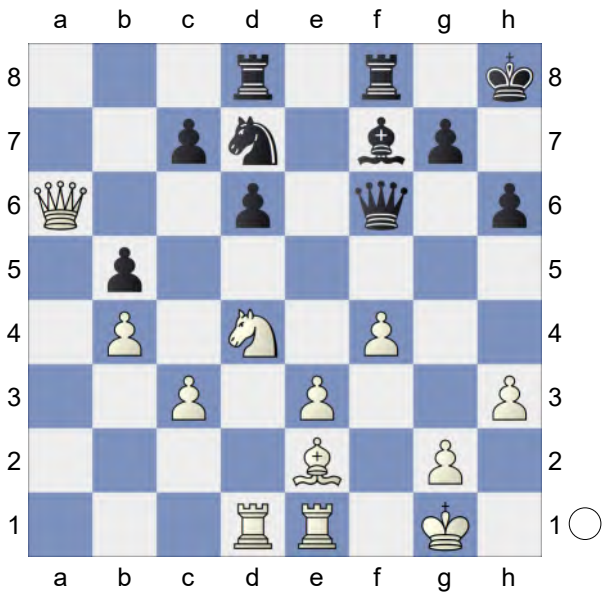
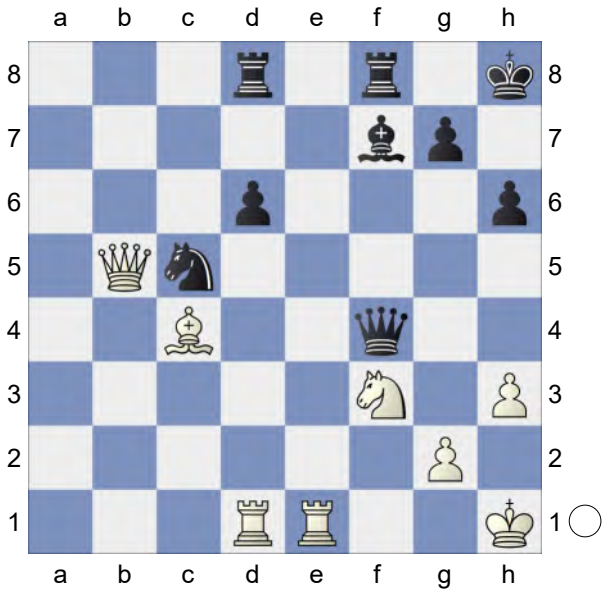


26.Qxb5 c5 27.Nf3 Qxc3 28.bxc5? 0.00/22
[White should try 28.Rxd6± 1.54/22 Qxe3+ 29.Kh1]
28...Qxe3+= 29.Kh1 Nxc5 30.Bc4 Qxf4



31.Bxf7 Rxf7 32.Qe2
[32.Ne5 feels hotter. Rf6 33.Qb1 Qf5 34.Qb6]
32...Rdf8 33.Rd4 Qf6 34.Red1 Re7 35.Qc2 Re6

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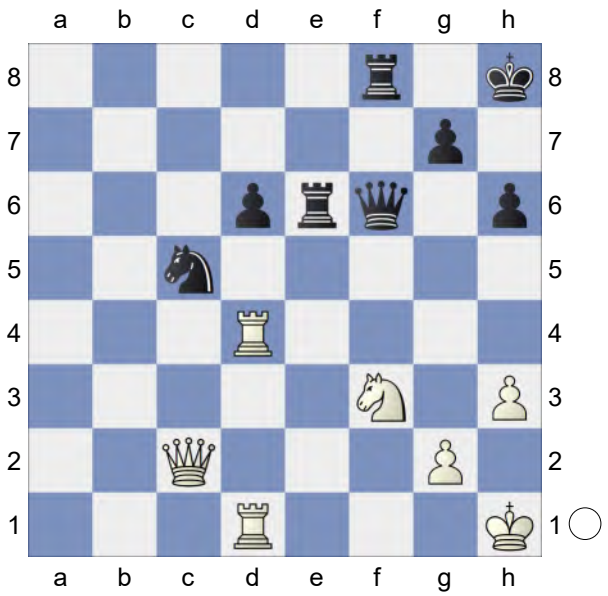
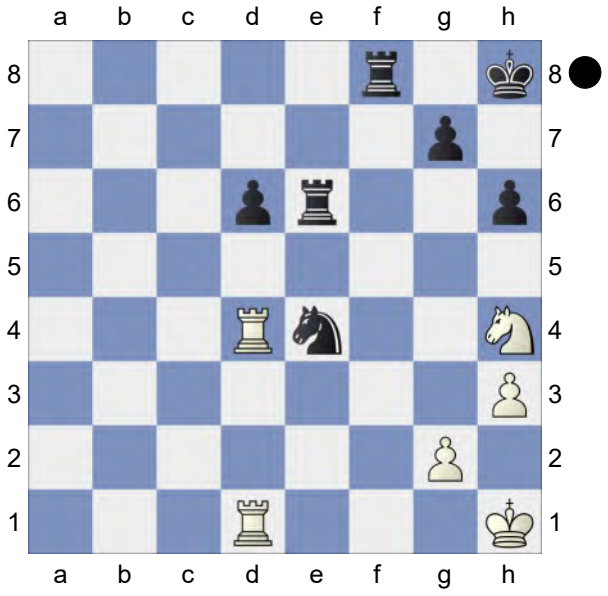
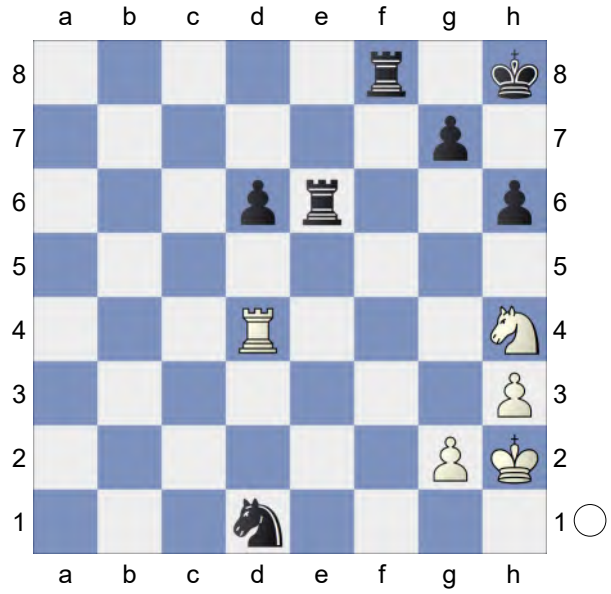


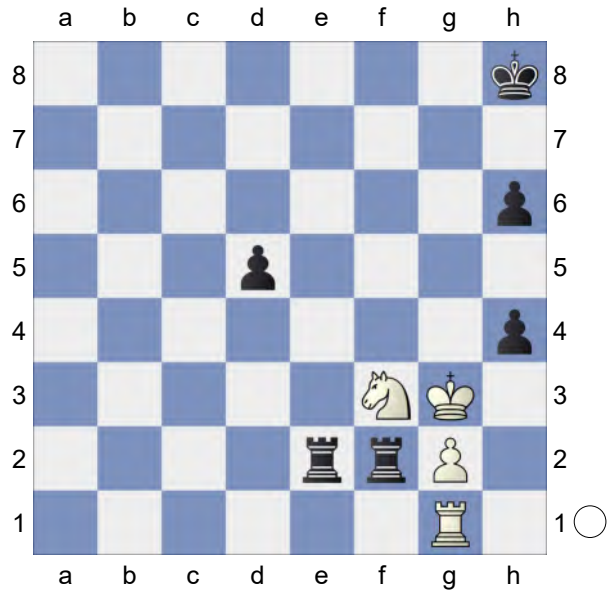
36.Qd2? -2.91/22
[36.Nh4= -0.28/20 and White is okay.]
36...Ne4 37.Qe1 -2.40/18
[⌓37.Rxe4 -1.80/19 Rxe4 38.Qxd6]
37...Qf4? -0.63/19
[Better is 37...Ng5-+ -2.40/18 38.Qg3 Nxf3 39.gxf3 Qxf3+ 40.Qxf3 Rxf3 41.Rxd6 Rxh3+ 42.Kg1 Rg3+ 43.Kh2 Rgg6]
38.Qh4 -3.25/19
[38.Kg1∓ -0.63/19]
38...Qxh4-+ Remove Defender **39.Nxh4**



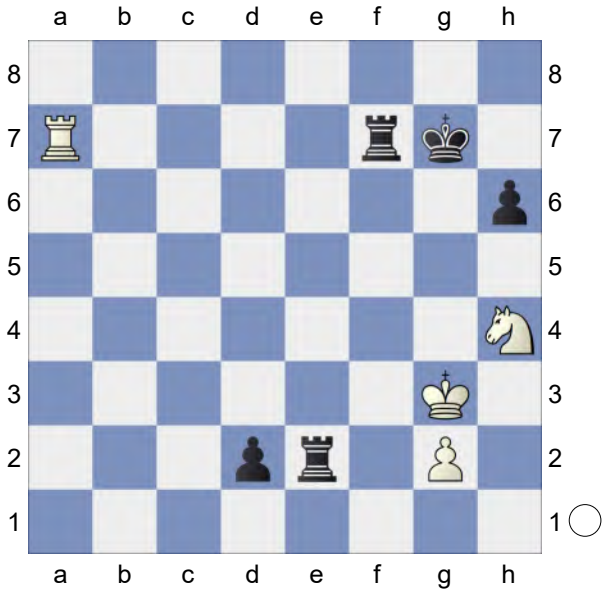
Nf2+
[39...g5 40.Rxe4 Rxe4 41.Ng6+ Kg8 42.Nxf8 Kxf8 43.Rxd6=]
40.Kh2 Nxd1



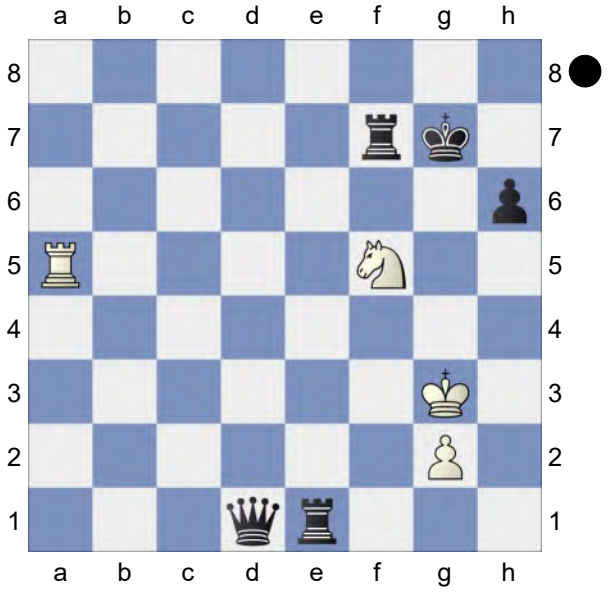
41.Rxd1 Endgame. KRR-KRN **41...Rf2** Threatens to win with ...g5. **42.Kg3 Ree2 43.Rg1?** -4.95/21
[43.Rxd6 -2.85/20 Kg8 44.Rd8+ Kf7 45.Rd7+ Kf6 46.Rd6+ Ke7 47.Rd3]
43...g5 44.Nf3 d5 45.h4 gxh4+



46.Nxh4 d4 47.Ng6+ Kg7? -0.23/18
[47...Kg8-+ -4.02/20 48.Nf4 Ra2]
48.Nh4? -7.49/21
[48.Nf4= -0.23/18]
48...d3 49.Ra1 d2 White must now prevent ...Re1! **50.Ra7+ Rf7**



51.Ra1 Re1 52.Ra5 d1Q 53.Nf5+



Rxf5! 54.Rxf5 Qd3+ 55.Rf3 Qg6+

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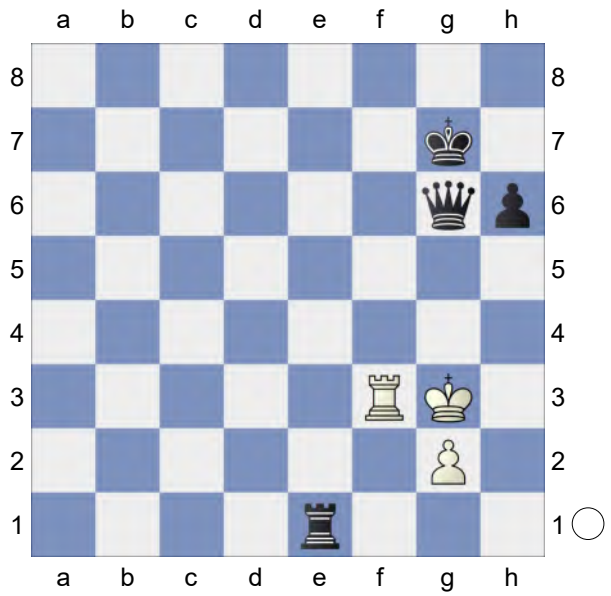
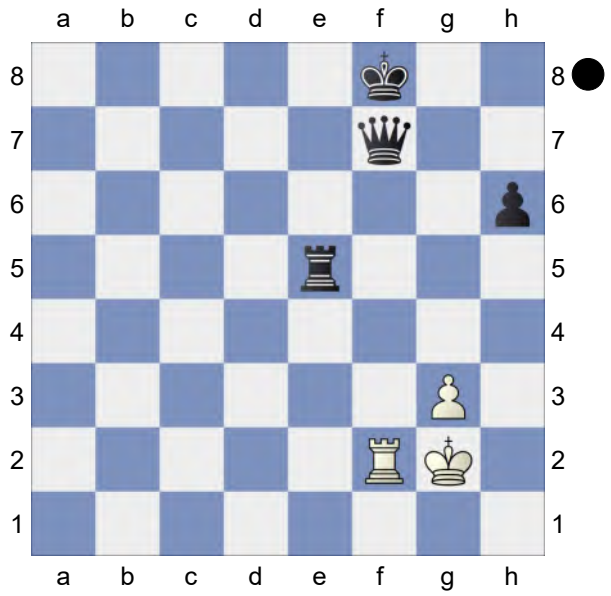


56.Kf2 Re5 57.g3 Qf7 58.Kg2 Kf8 59.Rf2



Qf3+? 0.00/38 **60.Rxf3+= Rf5?** #24/27

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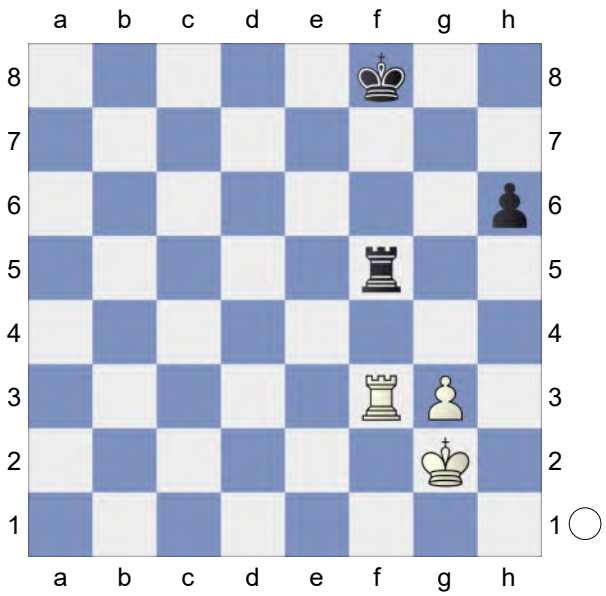
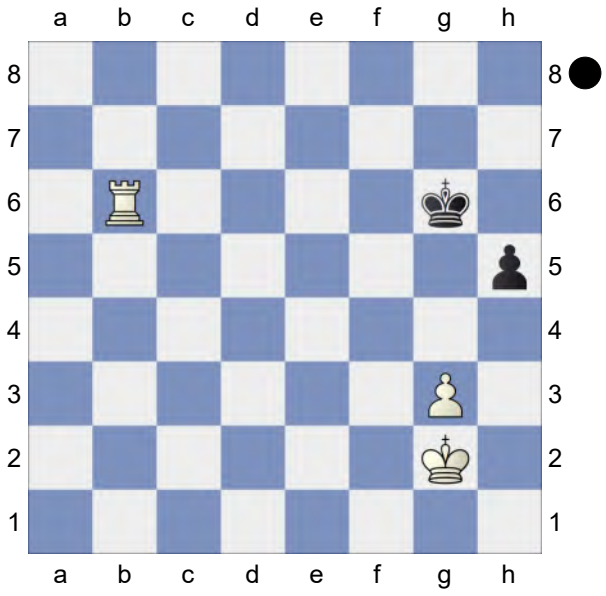


61.Rf2? 0.00/33

[61.Rxf5+ #24/27 mates Ke7 62.Kh3 Ke6 63.Kg4 Kd6 64.Kh5 Ke6 65.g4 Ke7 66.Kxh6]

61...Kg7? #27/29 **62.Rxf5** White mates.

62...Kg6 63.Rb5 h5 64.Rb6+



Never resign too early!

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71 **A40**
□ **RuslanN88** **2440**
■ **ankitsingh2212** **2662**
Rapid 31.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3
[3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]
3...Nc6 4.Nc3N
[4.Bg5 Be7 *(4...f6 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 Bf5 9.0-0* 13) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit with 3...d6 #1*)* 5.Bxe7 Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Rxb7 Rxd1+ 21.Nxd1 1-0 Kruse,E (1264)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0298 www.desc-online.de 1999]
4...Nxe5 5.Nxe5 dxe5

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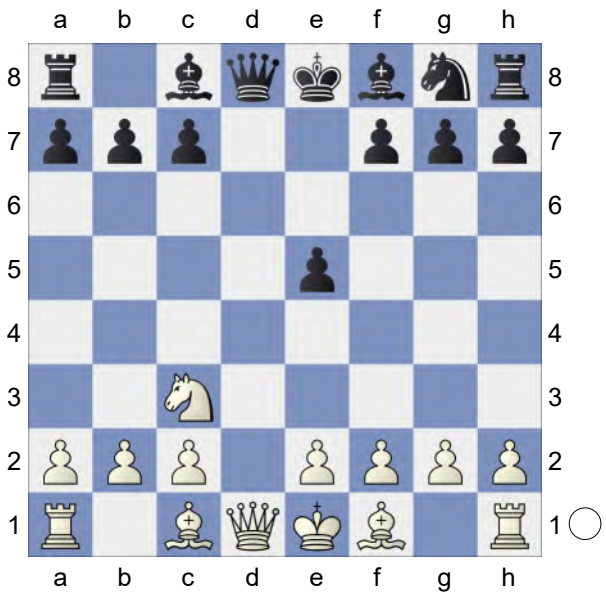
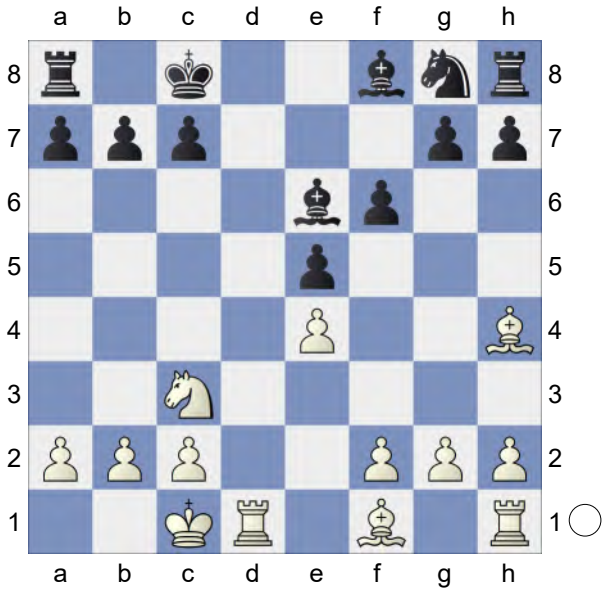


6.Qxd8+ Kxd8 7.Bg5+ f6 8.0-0-0+
The position is equal. **8...Bd7 9.Bh4 Kc8 10.e4 Be6**



Dodges Bc4 **11.a3 h5 12.f3 Bc5 13.Be2 Ne7 14.Rhf1 a6 15.Bf2 Bxf2**

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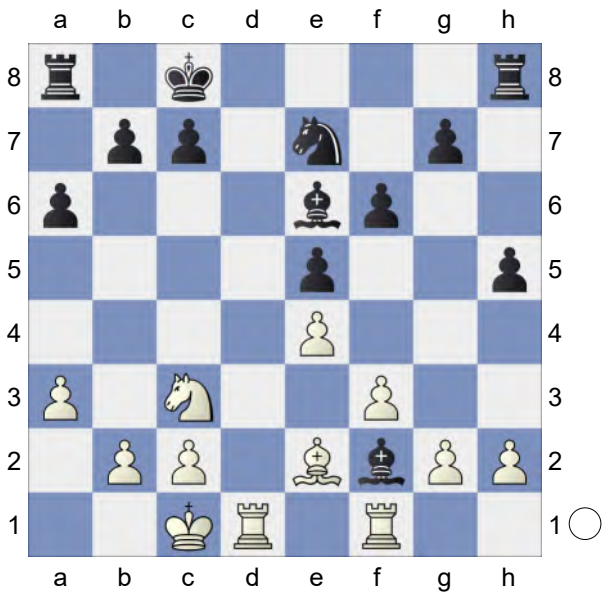
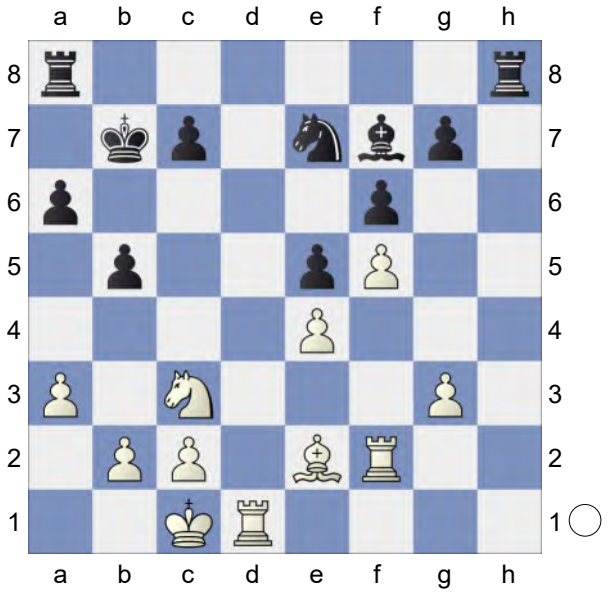


16.Rxf2 b5 17.g3 h4 18.f4 hxg3 19.hxg3 Kb7 20.f5 Bf7



21.g4 Nc6 0.27/20

[Better is 21...Nc8 -0.23/22]

22.Rd7= Rhf8 23.Nd5 Rac8 24.c3 Na5

[24...Nb8!? 25.Re7□ Nc6=]

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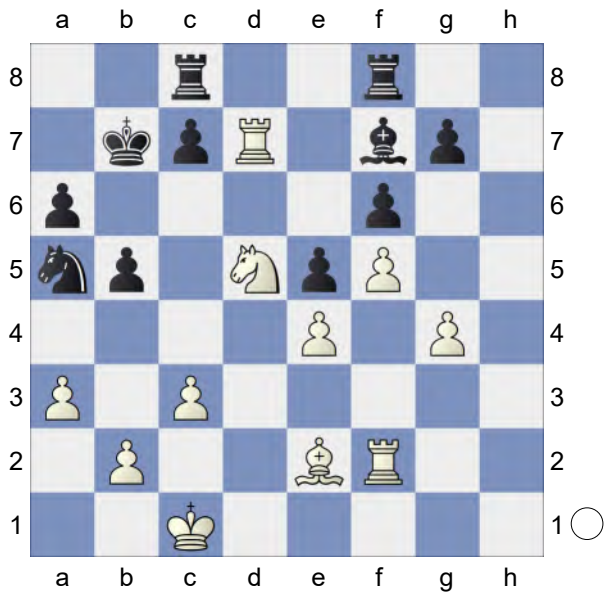
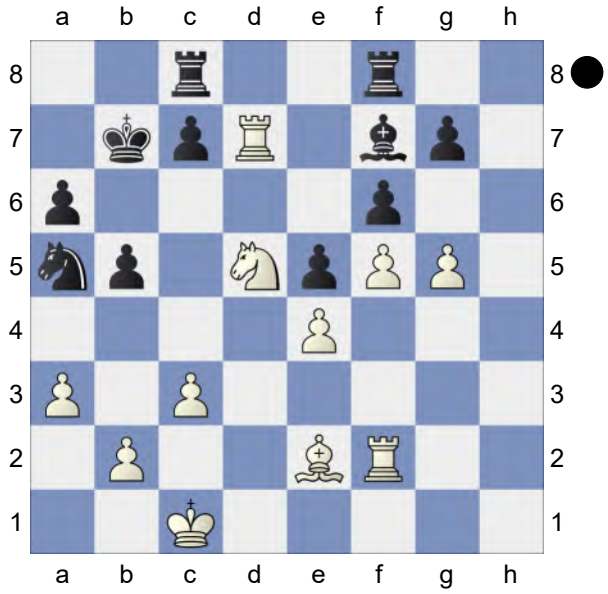


...Nb3+ is the strong threat. **25.g5?** -2.46/22



fxg5? 0.34/23

[25...Nb3+!-+ -2.46/22 26.Kb1 Nc5]

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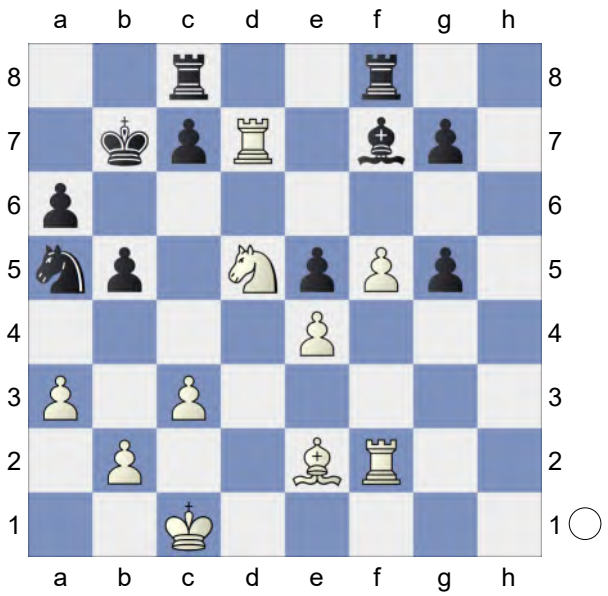
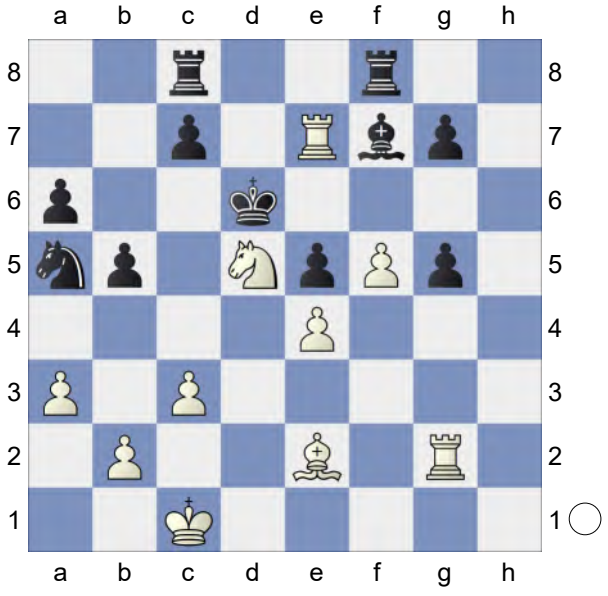


26.Rg2 -0.25/28
[26.b4!± 0.34/23 Nc4 27.Bxc4 bxc4 28.Rd2]
26...Kc6 27.Re7 Kd6
[27...Nb3+!? 28.Kc2 Nc5∓ *(28...Kd6 29.Rxf7 Na1+ 30.Kb1±)*]



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72 **A40**
□ **Anton Guijarro,David** **2669**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
Titled Tue 2nd Jul Early (11) 02.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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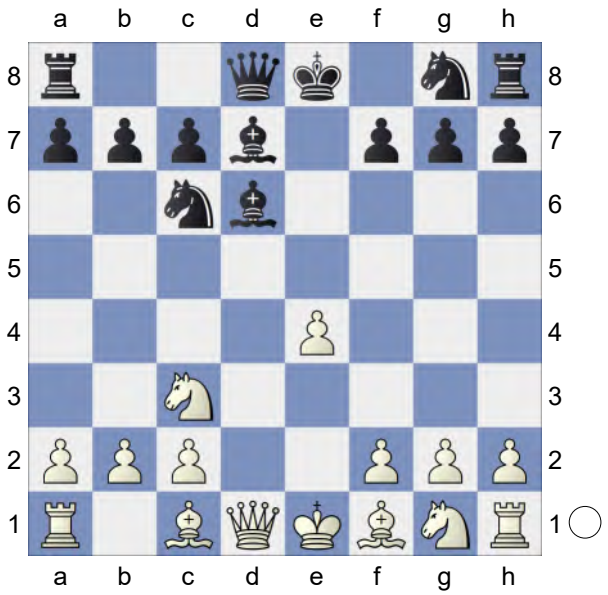
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nc3**
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 f6 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 Be6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3 g5 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024]
3...Nc6 4.e4N
[4.Nf3 Bg4 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.e4 *(6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6* 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)*)*
6...Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7

17.Rxd6 a4 18.Qc4 Rfc8 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]

4...Bd7 5.exd6 Bxd6

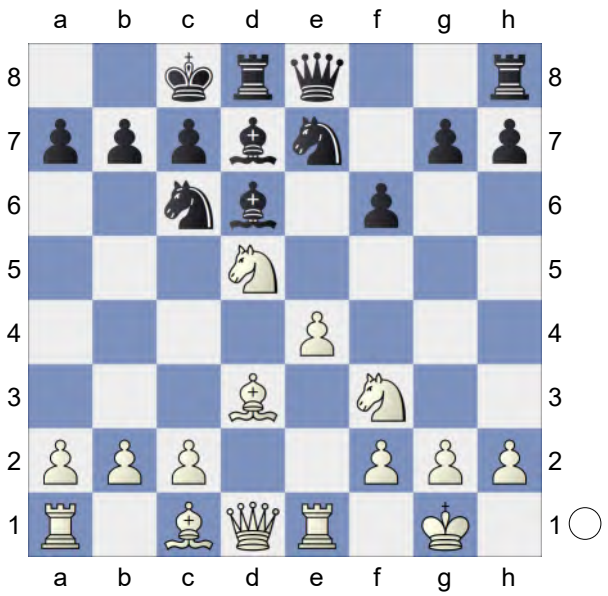


6.Nf3 0.86/21

[⩲6.Bd3 1.24/19]

6...Qe7 7.Bd3 0-0-0 8.Nd5 Against Nf6. White is better. **8...Qe8 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Re1 f6** 1.27/19

[Black should try 10...Kb8 0.91/18]



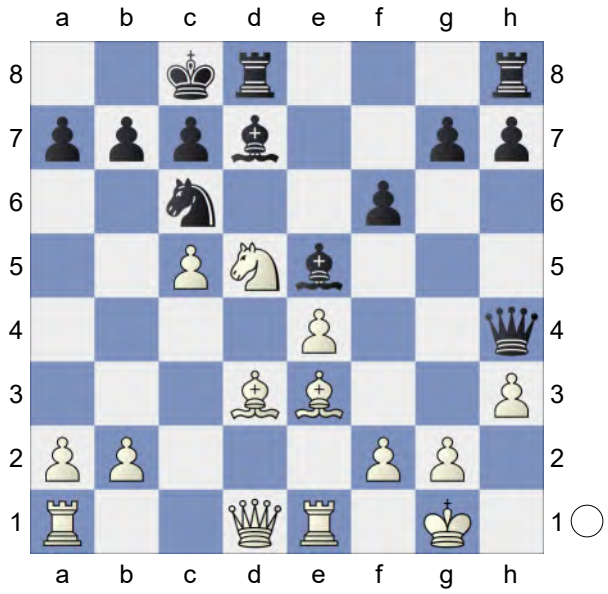
11.c4± White is more active. **11...Qh5 12.h3** Against Bg4 **12...Ng6** 2.08/19

[12...Rhe8± 1.27/18 13.Bd2 Nxd5 *(13...Bxh3? 14.gxh3 Nxd5 15.cxd5+-)* 14.exd5 *(14.cxd5 Ne5±)* 14...Nb4 15.Rxe8 Rxe8]

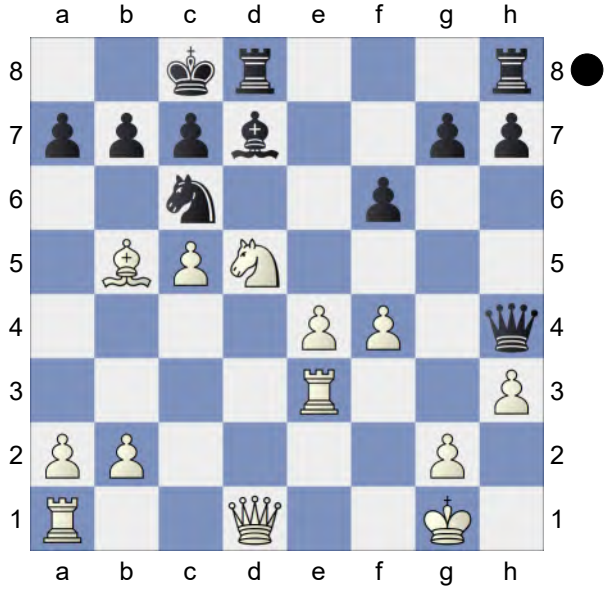
13.Be3+-

[13.Bf1 Nce5]

13...Nh4 14.Nxh4 Qxh4 15.c5 Be5



16.f4 Bd4 17.Bb5 Bxe3+ 18.Rxe3



Be6? 4.96/19

[18...f5 2.42/17 19.exf5 a5]

19.Qa4 Bxd5 20.exd5 Nb8

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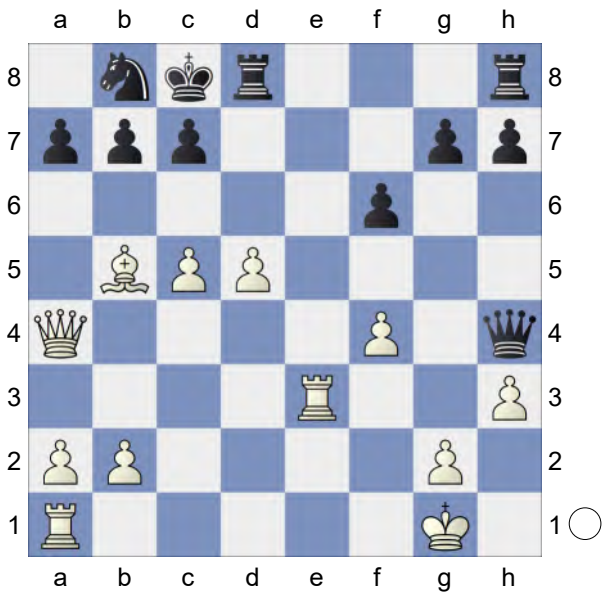
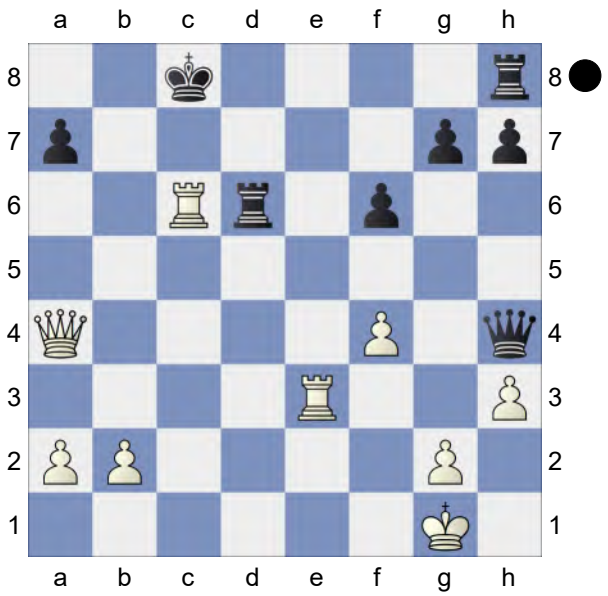


Black is weak on the light squares **21.d6** Threatens to win with Re7. **21...cxd6** **22.cxd6 Rxd6 23.Rc1+ Nc6 24.Bxc6**
[24.Qxa7? loses. Rd1+ *(24...Qxf4 25.Qa8+* Skewer *Kc7 26.Re7+* Skewer, Double Attack *Rd7 27.Rxc6+ bxc6 28.Qxc6+ Kb8 29.Qb6+ Ka8 30.Bc6+)* 25.Bf1 Rxc1-+ *(25...Rxf1+? 26.Kxf1 Qxf4+ 27.Kg1+-)*]
24...bxc6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=1.05
25.Rxc6+

(Diagram)



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73 **A40**
□ **hamidebh001** **2767**
■ **Goroshkov,Maksym** **2363**
Blitz 13.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
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Ne6 21.Rg4 Richardson,J 29/275 Lone Pine 1980*)* 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.Rb3 Qe7 9.Bf4 Qe8 10.e3 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Bb5 d6 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.exd4 Kc8 17.Qf3 0-1 (63) Blasovszky,I-Almasi,Z (2340) op Kobanya 1991 (5)]

3.Nf3

[3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]

[3.Bf4 Nc6 4.exd6 Qf6 5.Bc1 Bxd6 6.c3 Bf5 7.e3 0-0-0 8.Nd2 Qg6 9.h3 Nf6 10.Ngf3 Rhe8 11.Qa4 Bc2 12.Nb3 Ne4 13.Nh4 Qg3 14.fxg3 Bxg3+ 15.Ke2 Bd1# N,N-Charlik #4566 Chess: 5334 Problems, Combination 1903]

3...Bg4N

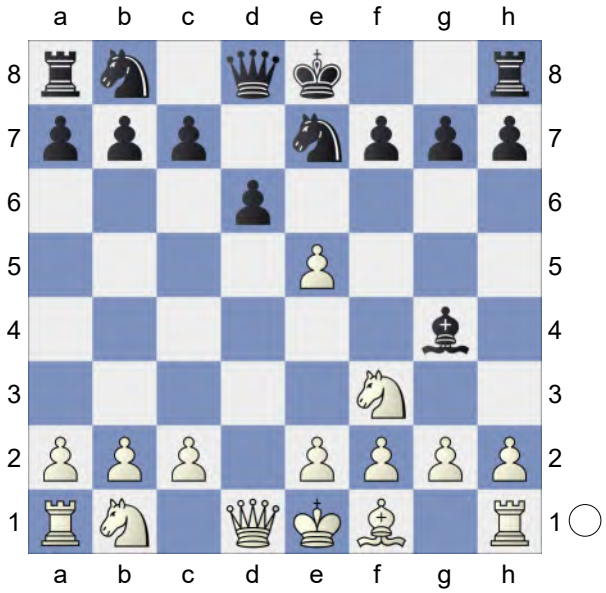
[3...c5 4.Nc3 Qa5 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qxd6 Ne7 7.e4 Nbc6 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bd2 0-0 10.Nd5 Qa4 11.Nxe7+ Nxe7 12.Qxe7 Re8 13.Qxc5 Qxe4+ 14.Be3 b6 15.Qc4+ Qe6 16.Nd4 Qf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Bc4+ 1-0 (25) Ruy Lopez Keres Variation (1436)-Vymetal Bled/Portoroz 27/690 1979]

4.Bg5 Be7N

[4...Qc8 5.Nbd2 Nc6 6.exd6 Bxd6 7.e3 h6 8.Bh4 Nge7 9.Bc4 Nf5 10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Qf5 12.Be2 0-0-0 13.c3 Qe6 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.Bxg4 Nc2+ 16.Qxc2 Qxg4 17.Rh4 Qe6 18.Qa4 Bxg3 19.Re4 0-1 (31) Musicant,R-Scherfke,F Compuserve email 1997]

[4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 19.Qd5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 34.Bd1 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]

5.Bxe7 Nxe7



6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 d5 8.e3 White is clearly better. White is clearly better. **8...Nbc6 9.Bd3** 1.03/22

[9.h3+- 1.83/19 Bh5 10.Rb1 1.36/21 *(10.Be2+-* 1.88/19 *)*]

[9.h3+- 1.88/20 Bh5 10.Qd2]

9...0-0 1.94/20

[9...Qb6± 0.75/20 might work better.]

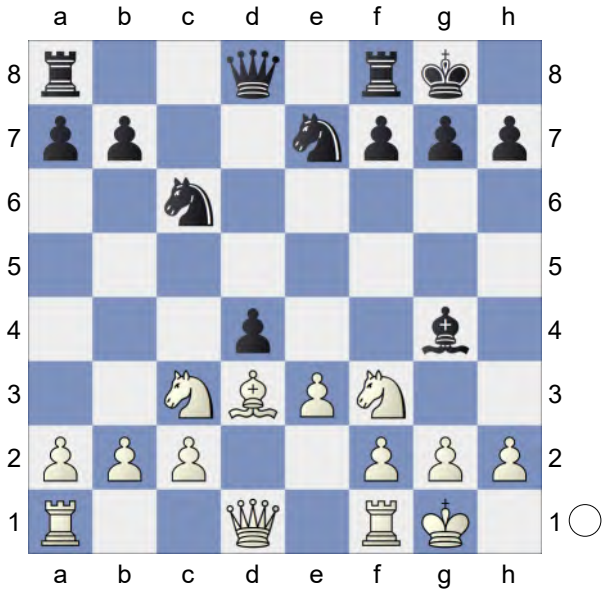
[9...Qb6± 1.03/22]

10.0-0 1.55/20

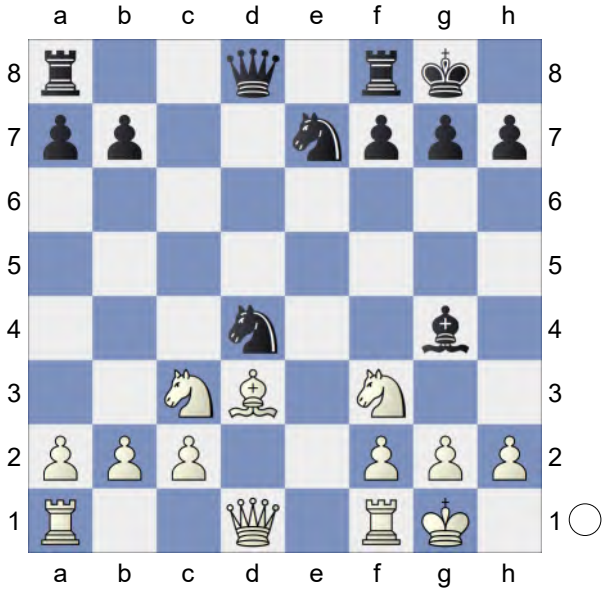
[10.Bxh7++- 1.94/20 Kh8 11.Bd3]

10...d4 1.96/20

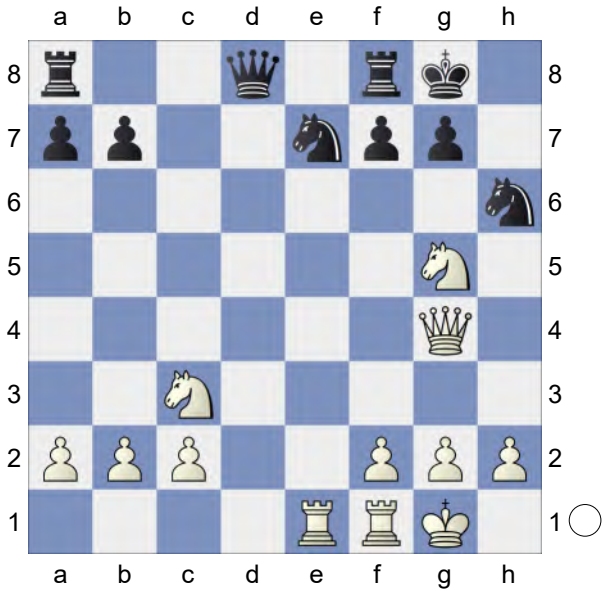
[10...Ne5± 1.54/19]
[10...Ne5± 1.55/20]



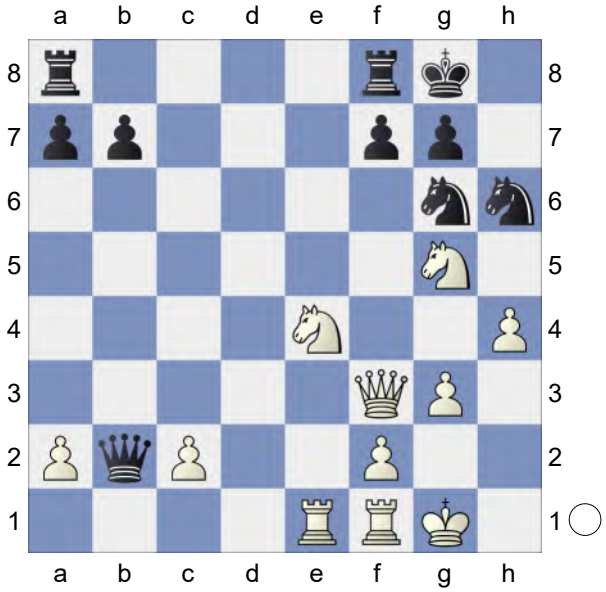
11.exd4+- Nxd4 3.10/20
[⌓11...g6 1.89/18 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qxd4]
[11...g6 1.89/21 12.Ne4 Bxf3 13.gxf3 *(13.Qxf3 Nxd4 14.Qh3 Nd5+-)* 13...Qxd4]



12.Bxh7+! Decoy **12...Kxh7 13.Ng5+** Discovered Attack
[13.Qxd4? 1.14/19 13.Ng5+ 3.19 Bxf3 14.Qxd8 Rfxd8±]
[13.Qxd4 Bxf3 14.Qxd8 Raxd8±]
13...Kg8 14.Qxg4 Ndf5 Inhibits Qh4.
15.Rae1 Nh6



16.Qh5 Ng6 17.Nce4 Nf4 18.Qf3 Ng6 19.g3 Qb6 20.h4 1.72/19
[20.Qb3+- 2.97/19]
[⌓20.Qb3 3.01/18]
20...Qxb2 1.78/18
[20...f6± 1.29/18]



21.h5 Ne5 22.Qf4 1.01/20 Black must now prevent Rb1.

[22.Nf6++- 1.73/20 Kh8 *(22...gxf6? 2.66/20 22...Kh8 1.89 23.Qxf6 Nhg4 24.Qf5+-)* 23.Qe4 Nf3+ 24.Nxf3 *(24.Qxf3 0.96/17 24.Nxf3 2.01 Qxf6 25.Qxf6 gxf6±)* 24...Qxf6 25.Qxb7]

22...Rae8? 3.10/20

[22...f6± 1.01/20 23.Ne6 0.94/19 *(⌓23.Nxf6+ 1.48/23 gxf6 24.Ne6)* 23...Qxc2? 3.52/19 *(23...Rf7± 0.94/19* was necessary. *)*]

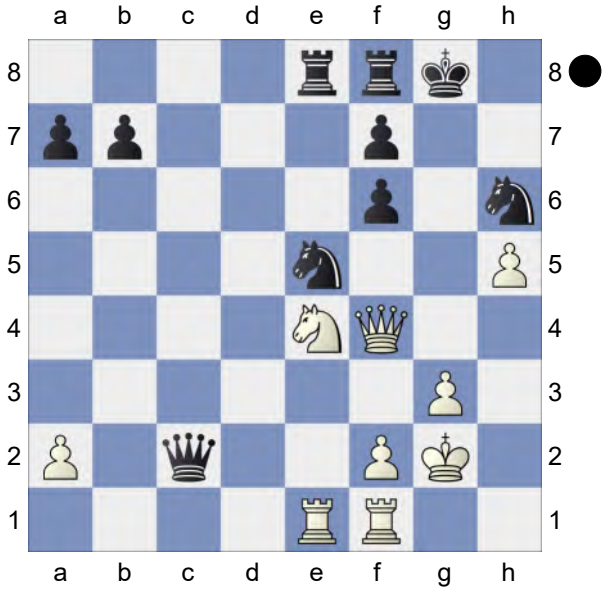
[22...f6± 1.33/21 23.Nxf6+ *(23.Ne6 Qxc2 24.Nxf8 Rxf8+-)* 23...gxf6]

23.Kg2? 0.00/20

[Only move: 23.Nd6+- 2.08/20 Rd8 24.Rxe5 *(24.Qxe5?* 0.61/17 24.Nf5 3.28 *Qxe5* Remove Defender *25.Rxe5 Rxd6±)* 24...Rxd6 25.Qe4]

[Only move: 23.Nd6+- 3.10/20]

23...Qxc2= 24.Nf6+? -2.79/16 gxf6-+ 25.Ne4



Qc6 0.00/17

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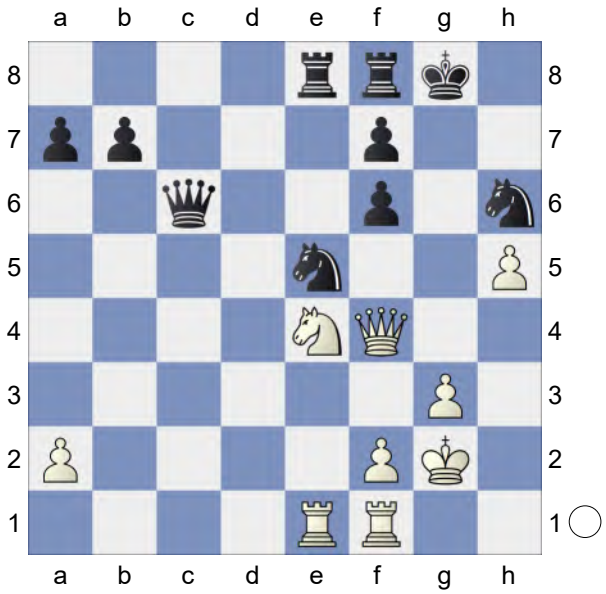

26.f3? -3.42/21

[26.Qxh6∓ -0.49/18 Nd3! 27.Qxf6! Nxe1+ 28.Rxe1]

[26.Qxh6= 0.00/17 and White stays safe. Nd3 27.Qxf6 Nxe1+ 28.Rxe1]

26...f5 -1.79/20

[⌓26...Kg7 -3.37/22 ...Nd3 is the strong threat. Strongly threatening ... Nd3. 27.Re3 Rd8]

[⌓26...Kg7 -3.42/21 27.Nf2 Qc2]

27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.Nf6 -4.54/22

[28.Rc1∓ -1.56/17 Qe6 29.Nf6]

[28.Rc1 -1.86/18 Qe6 29.Nf6]

28...Ng8? 0.24/19

[28...Neg4-+ -4.67/17 (-> ...Qc2+) 29.Nxg4 fxg4]

[28...Neg4-+ -4.54/22 (-> ...Qc2+) 29.Nxg4 fxg4]

29.Nxe8= Rxe8 30.Qxf5 Nc4

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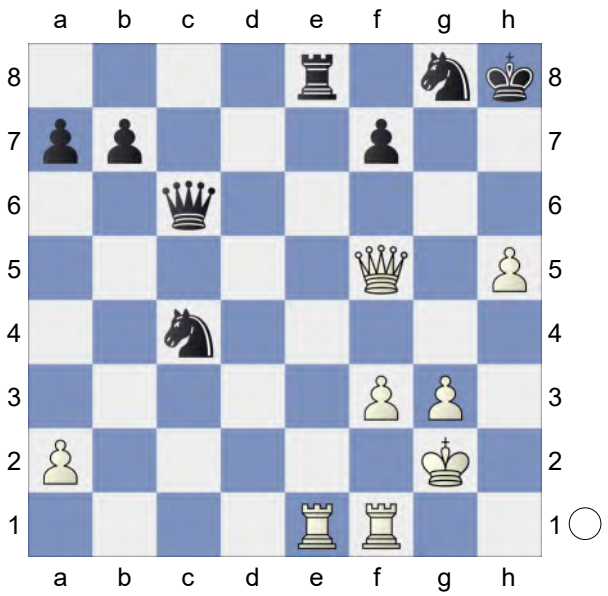

31.Rxe8 -0.36/17
[But not 31.Qxf7 Ne3+ 32.Rxe3 Rxe3∓]
[31.Qd3= 0.28/19 Ne5 32.Qd4]
[31.Qxf7 Ne3+ 32.Rxe3 Rxe3∓]
[31.Qd3= 0.16/21 b5 32.Qc3+ Kh7 33.Rxe8 Qxe8 34.Re1]
31...Qxe8∓ 32.Qg5 -5.93/18
[32.Kh1!∓ -0.55/21]
[32.Kh1!∓ -0.36/22]
32...Ne3+ Black is clearly winning.
33.Kg1 Nxf1 Excellent horsemanship. A dynamic duo of knights. **34.h6** -7.75/20
[⌓34.Kxf1 -4.17/21 Qc6 Prevents Qd5 35.Qe5+ Qf6 36.Qd5]
[⌓34.Kxf1 -4.48/20 Qc6 35.Qe5+ Qf6 36.Qd5]
Weighted Error Value: White=1.01/ Black=0.81
Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/ Black=0.92
34...Qe3+

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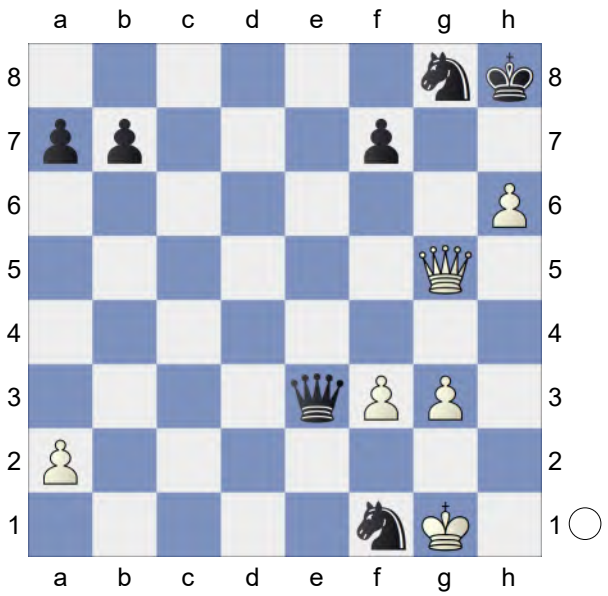

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74 **A40**
□ **Alonso Rosell,A** **2546**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
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[Kitty Kat]

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Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4.Qd4N

[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 19.Qd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero, M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]

[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch, A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6? 3.46/18

[5...Nc6± 1.58/17 6.Qe3+ Be6]

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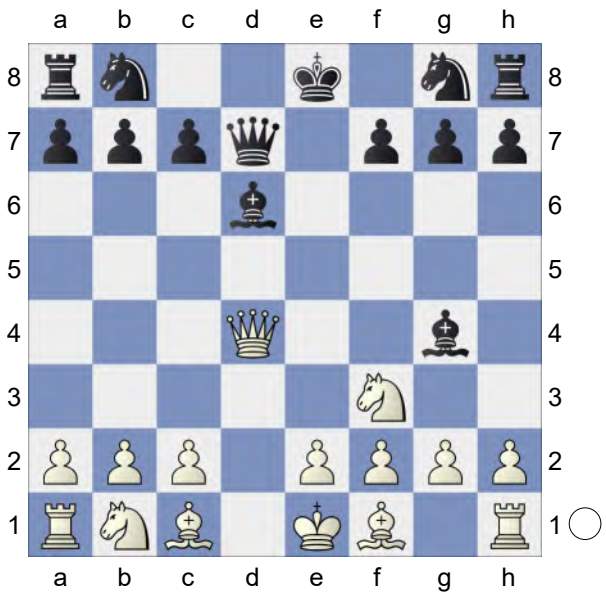


6.Qxg7+- Nc6 7.Bg5

[7.Qxh8 0-0-0 8.Nbd2 *(8.Qxh7 Bf5±)* 8...Bxf3 9.gxf3 *(9.Nxf3? Be5-+* Back Rank *)* 9...Qf5+-]

7...Bxf3 8.Qxh8 White is clearly winning. **8...Nce7 9.Bxe7**

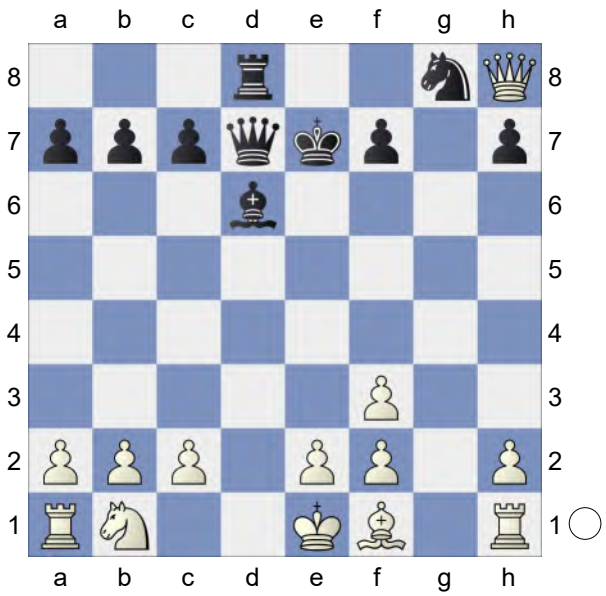
[9.gxf3 f6 10.Bd2 *(10.Bxf6 0-0-0+-)* 10...Qb5]

[9.exf3 Qe6+ 10.Be3 Be5+-]

9...Kxe7 10.gxf3

[10.exf3 Qe6+ 11.Be2 Be5+-]

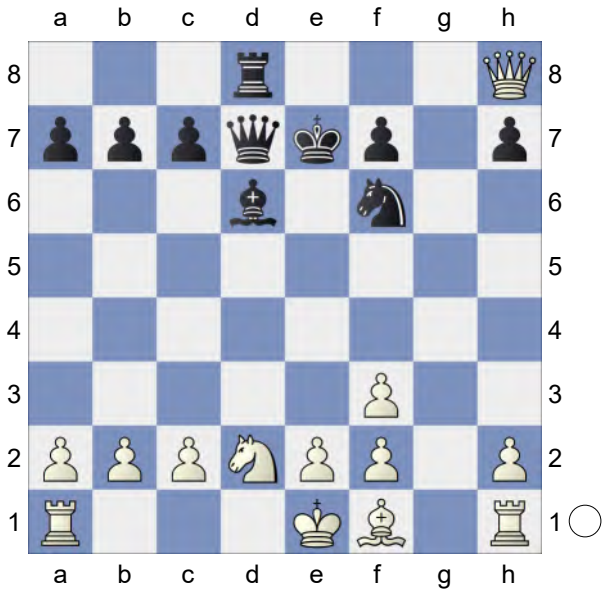
10...Rd8



(-> ...Bb4+) **11.Nd2?** -0.70/17

[11.Qxh7? Bb4+ 12.c3 Qd1#]
[11.Qd4+- 4.72/17 c5 12.Qh4+ Kf8 13.Bh3 *(13.Qxh7 Bf4±)*]

11...Nf6? 2.00/22
[11...Bf4!∓ -0.70/17 12.0-0-0 Bxd2+ 13.Kb1 Nf6 14.Qxd8+ *(14.Qg7 Rg8∓)* 14...Kxd8 *(14...Qxd8 15.c3∓)*]



12.Qxf6+? -0.72/16 **Kxf6∓ 13.0-0-0 Qa4→** Black has strong compensation. Black wants a kill. Black is more active.

14.Ne4+ -1.36/19
[White should play 14.Kb1 -0.88/19]

14...Ke7 15.Nc3 -2.36/18
[15.a3∓ -0.96/20 was the only chance.]

15...Qa5-+

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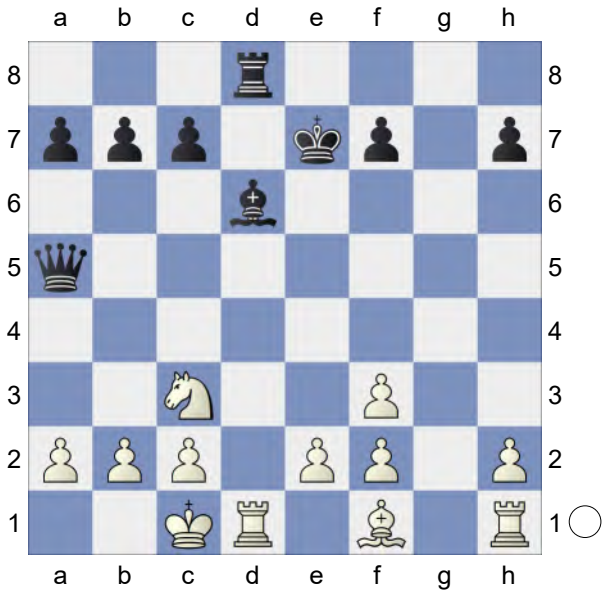
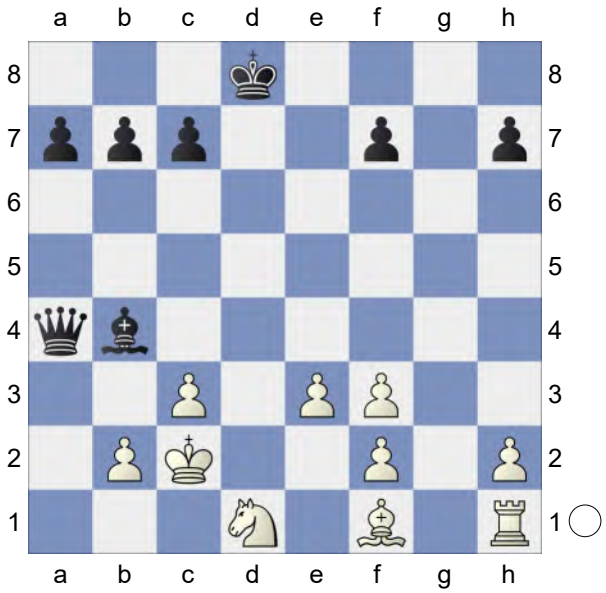


16.e3? -4.77/20
[16.Bh3∓ -1.44/20 was the crucial defense.]

16...Bb4 -2.14/19
[⌓16...Qxc3 -4.77/20 17.Rd3 Qe1+ 18.Rd1 Qxf2]

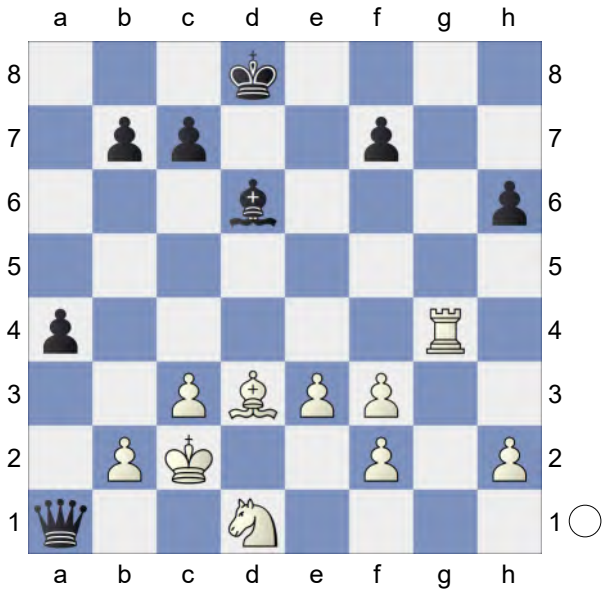
17.Rxd8 Kxd8 18.Nd1 Qxa2 19.c3 Qa1+ 20.Kc2 Qa4+



21.Kc1 Bd6 22.Bd3 -2.38/18
[⌓22.Rg1 -1.93/18]

22...Qa1+ 23.Kc2 a5 -1.27/19
[23...h6-+ -1.76/23 24.Be4 Qa4+ 25.Kc1 b5]

24.Rg1 -1.85/19
[24.Bxh7∓ -1.27/19 a4 *(24...Qa4+ 25.Kb1∓)* 25.Be4]
24...h6
[24...Bxh2 25.Rg8+ Ke7 26.f4∓]
25.Rg4 a4
[25...Bxh2 26.Bb5 Qa2 27.Ba4=]



Strongly threatening ...a3!. **26.Rc4?** -4.50/20
[26.Kd2∓ -1.60/18]
26...b5
[Stronger than 26...Bxh2 27.Rb4=]
27.Rc6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=0.66
27...Qa2 -2.32/18
[Not 27...Bxh2 28.Rc5=]
[⌓27...a3 -3.93/21 28.Rxd6+ cxd6 29.bxa3 Qa2+ 30.Nb2 Qd5 *(30...Qxa3? 31.Bxb5 Qc5 32.Bf1-+)*]

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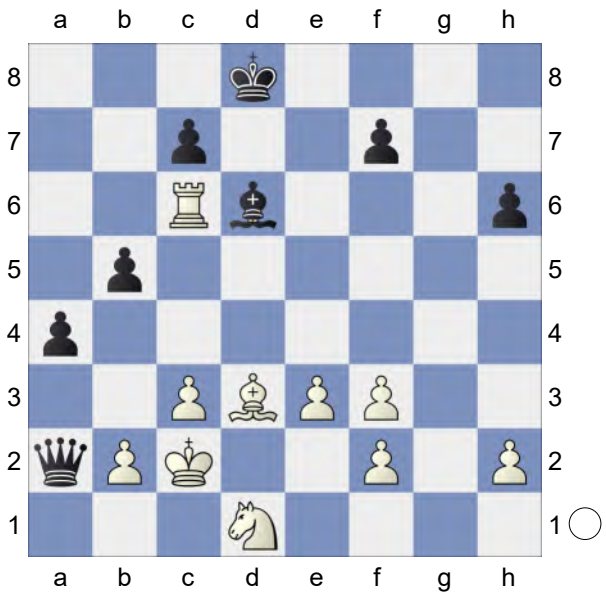

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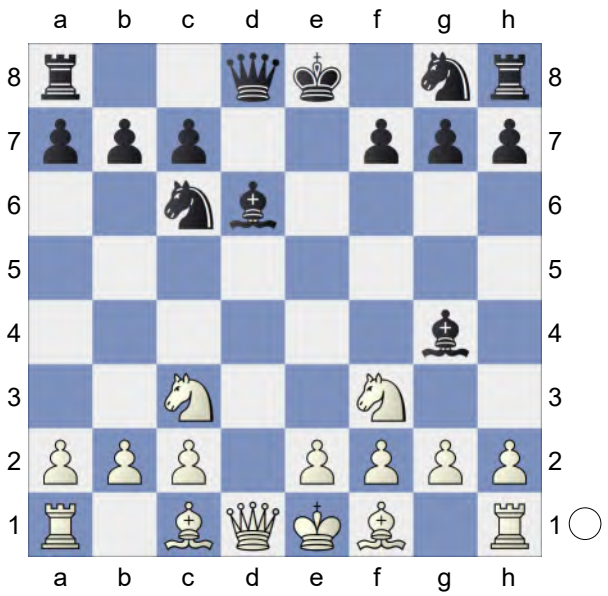
75 **A40**
□ **IrrelevantAgain** **2788**
■ **ru7hvik** **2317**
Rapid 24.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

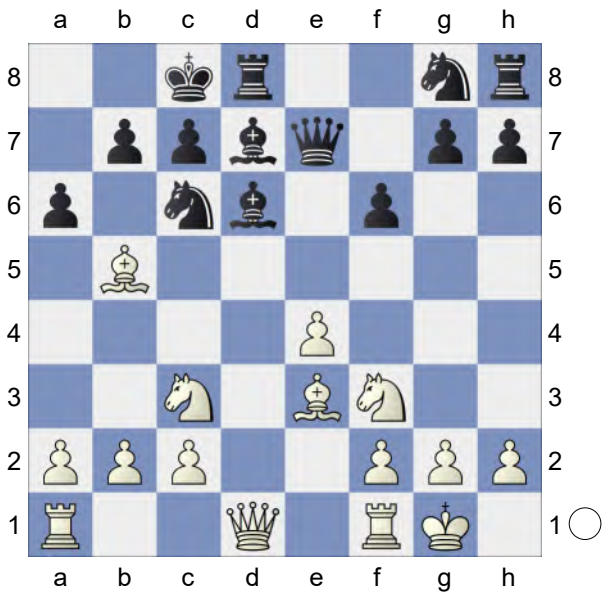
Blitz 10min
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Nc3 Nc6**

(Diagram)



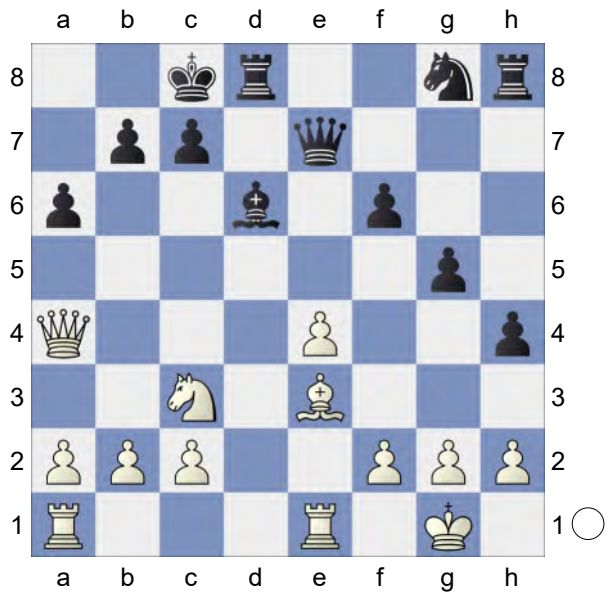
6.e4 Qe7N
[6...Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxd6 a4 18.Qc4 Rfc8 19.Bf4 Qb7 20.Qd5 b3 21.a3 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]
7.Bb5 Bd7 1.65/17
[7...Nf6± 1.18/17]
8.0-0 White is clearly better. **8...0-0-0**
9.Bg5 0.96/18
[9.Qe2 1.56/19]
9...f6± 10.Be3 a6

(Diagram)

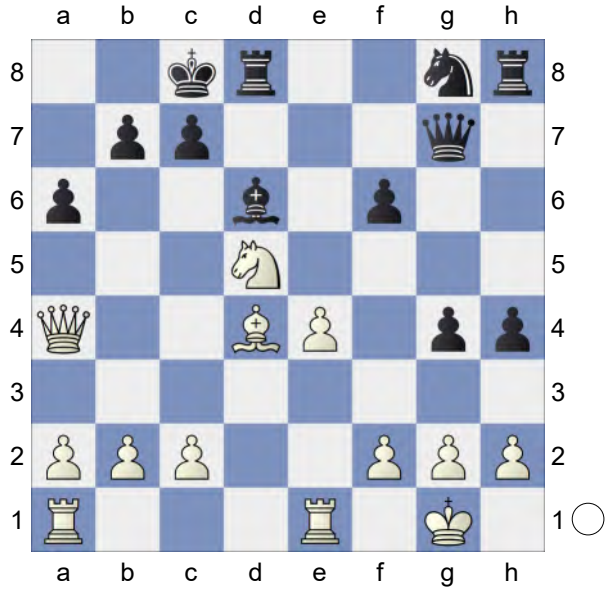


11.Ba4 0.27/17
[White should play 11.Bxc6± 1.11/18 Bxc6 12.Nd4]
11...h5 1.42/19
[11...Bg4!= 0.27/17 keeps the balance. 12.Qe2 Ne5]
12.Re1 h4 1.67/20
[12...Bg4± 1.12/19]
13.Nd4 0.77/18
[13.Nd5+- 1.67/20 Qxe4 14.Nb6+ cxb6 15.Qxd6]
13...Nxd4 14.Qxd4
[14.Bxd4 Bxa4 15.Nxa4 Qe6+-]
14...Bxa4 15.Qxa4 g5

(Diagram)



16.Nd5 Qg7 1.71/21
[16...Qe5± 0.69/21]
17.Bd4+- g4 2.26/17
[⌓17...h3 1.62/20]



18.Nxf6?? -2.88/21

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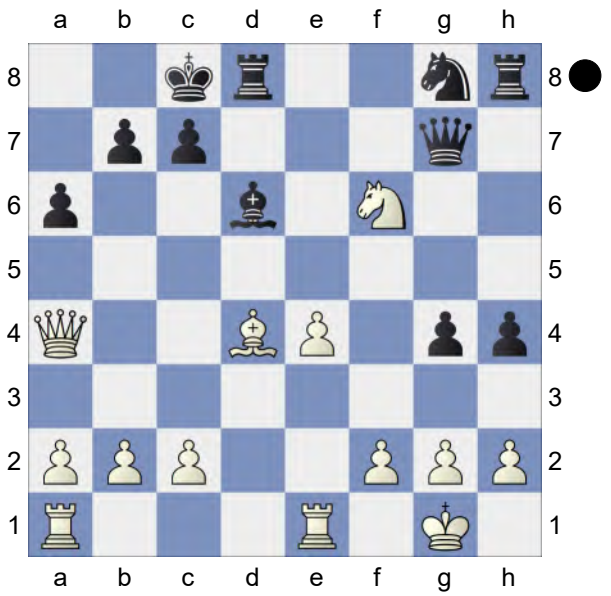
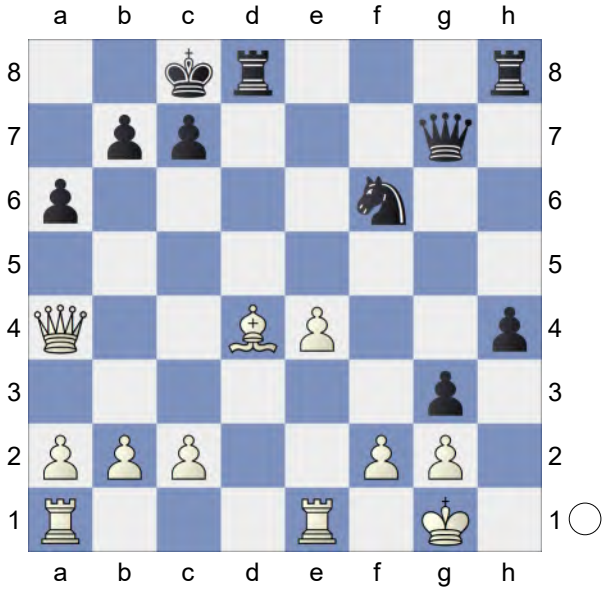


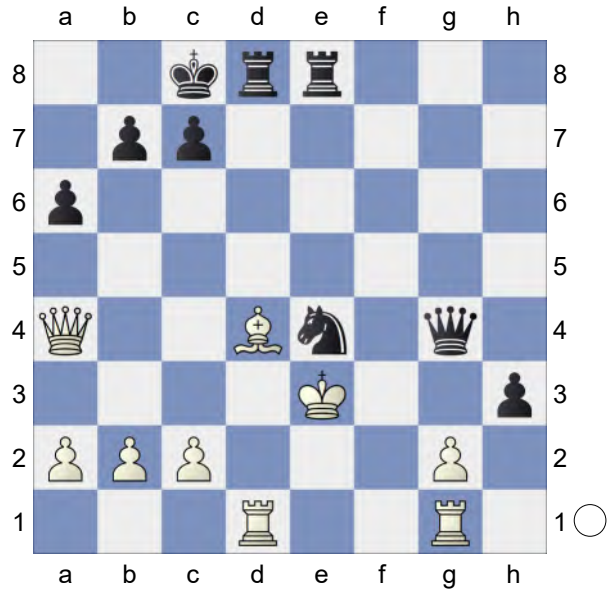
Bxh2+!-+ Decoy
[Weaker is 18...Nxf6 19.e5=]
19.Kxh2 Strongly threatening Nd5.
19...g3+ 20.Kg1? -4.38/21
[20.Kh1 -2.34/18 only move. Nxf6 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.e5]
20...Nxf6



21.Rad1? -6.67/18
[21.Qc4 -3.22/17 gxf2+ 22.Bxf2]
21...gxf2+ Black is clearly winning.
22.Kxf2 h3 23.Rg1 -12.30/16
[⌓23.g3 -5.05/18 Rhf8 24.Rd3]
23...Nxe4+ 24.Ke2 Qg4+ 25.Ke3

Weighted Error Value: White=1.37/ Black=0.41

25...Rhe8



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76 **A40**

□ **Gelman,A** **2403**

■ **Moroni,L** **2552**

Titled Tue 25th Feb Early blitz (11)

[Kitty Kat]

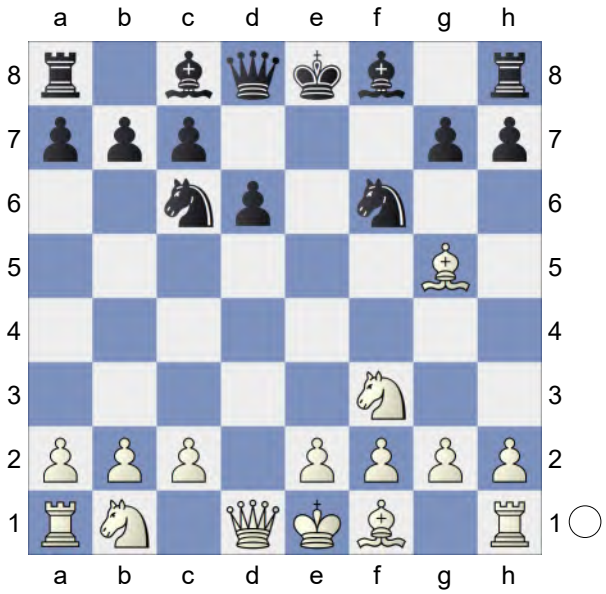
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 f6

[4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

5.exf6 Nxf6

(Diagram)



6.Nc3N

[6.e3 Be7

A) 7.Bd3 Be6 *(7...0-0 8.Nc3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Ne5 11.Qxb7 Rb8 12.Qxa7 Rxb2 13.0-0 Nxd3 14.cxd3 d5 15.Rab1 Rd2 16.Rb7 Rxd3 17.Rxc7* 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023*)* 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3 g5 18.f4 Ng6 19.Bxh5 gxf4 20.Bg4 Qe5 21.exf4 Nxf4 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024;

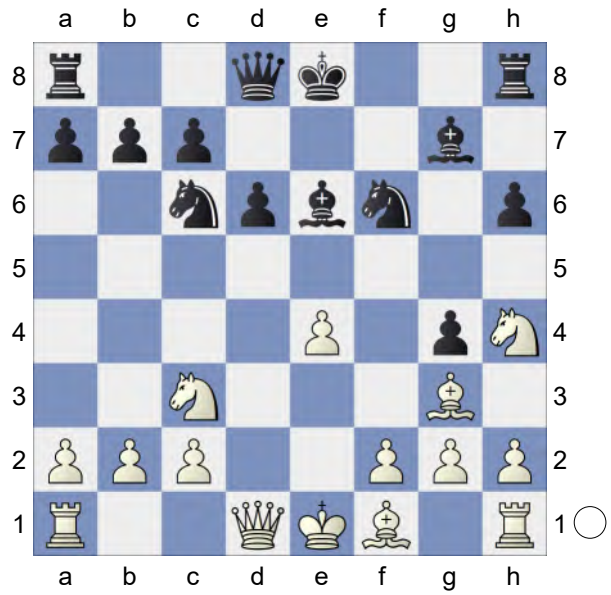
B) 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.c3 Bg4 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 Kh8 11.Qa4 Bh5 12.0-0 a6 13.Rfe1 b5 14.Qc2 Ne5 15.Rad1 Bg6 16.Qb3 Nxf3+ 17.Nxf3 Ng4 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.h3 Ne5 20.Qd5 Rad8 1-0 (64) Joven Jubilado (2554) - Yagermeistervariants (2508) Blitz 2024]

6...h6 7.Bh4 0.91/23

[⌓7.Bxf6 1.47/21 Qxf6 8.e3]

7...g5± 8.Bg3 White is better. **8...Bg7**

9.e4 g4 1.48/19
[⌓9...0-0 0.94/17]
10.Nh4 Be6



11.Ng6 1.18/18 Against Qd7
[11.Bb5 1.58/20]
11...Rg8 12.Nf4 Against Nh5
[12.Bb5 is interesting. Nh5 13.Nd5 a6 14.Bh4]
12...Bf7 1.60/18
[⌓12...Qe7 1.14/18]
13.Bb5 Qd7 14.0-0 0-0-0 15.Nfd5 Rde8 1.82/20
[15...Qe6± 1.45/18]

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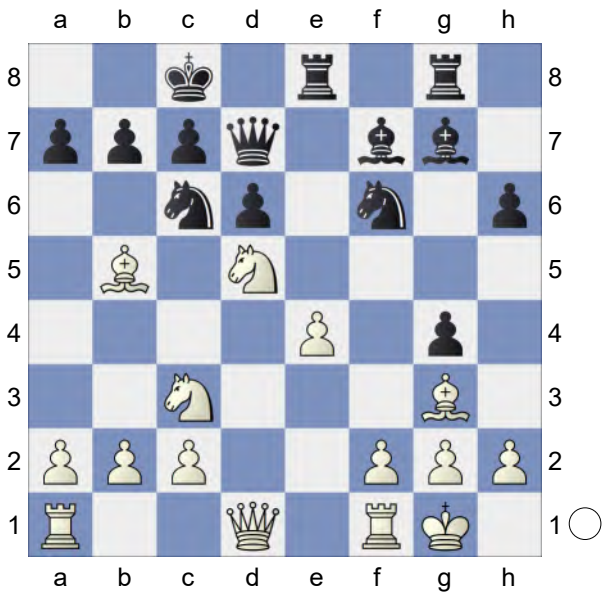

16.Re1+- Nh5 2.05/19
[16...a6 1.63/17]
17.Nb4 Nxg3 18.hxg3 1.36/18
[18.fxg3 Re5 19.Ncd5 Rge8±]
[18.Qd3+- 2.66/20 and Bxc6 should not be overlooked Qe7 *(18...Bxc3? 19.bxc3 Kd8 20.Bxc6+-)* 19.Bxc6 *(19.fxg3? Nxb4 20.Qd1 Nc6-+; 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Bxc6 Bxc3+-)* 19...Bxc3 20.Bxb7+ Decoy *(20.bxc3 bxc6 21.Qa6+ Kd7+-; 20.Bxe8 Bxe1 21.Bxf7 Qxf7±)* 20...Kxb7 21.Qa6+ Ka8 22.Nc6]
18...h5? 2.99/23
[18...a5± 1.36/18 was necessary.]
19.Qd3

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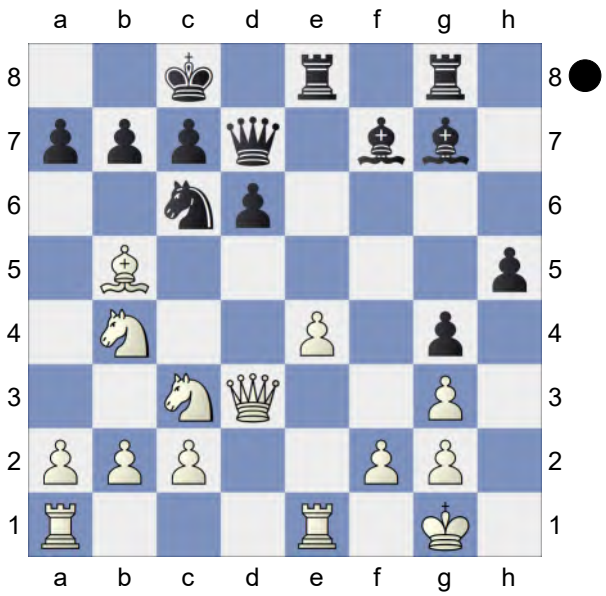
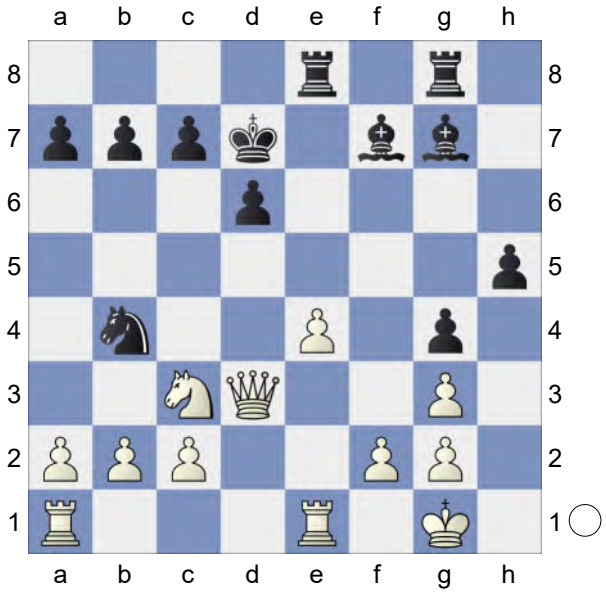


Nxb4 20.Bxd7+ Kxd7



21.Qb5+ Nc6 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Qa6 Rxb2 24.Nd5 Be5 25.Rab1 Rgb8

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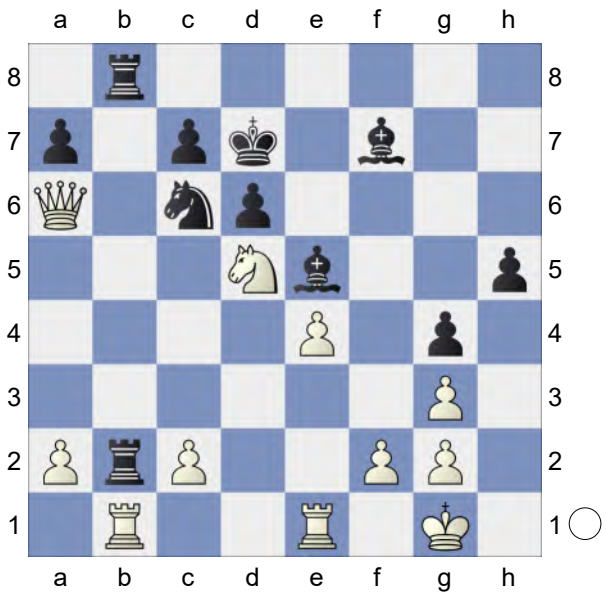
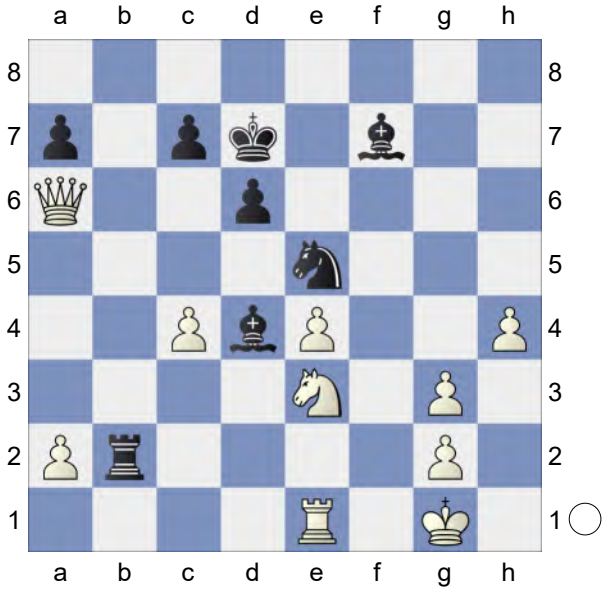


26.Rxb2 Rxb2 27.c4 2.76/17
[⌓27.c3 4.82/19]
27...h4 4.01/18
[⌓27...Bd4 2.76/17 28.Rf1 Ne5]
28.gxh4 Bd4 29.Ne3 g3 30.fxg3 Ne5



31.Qa4+ Kd8 32.Qd1 c5 33.Kh1 Be6 34.Nf5 Bxf5 35.exf5 Ke7

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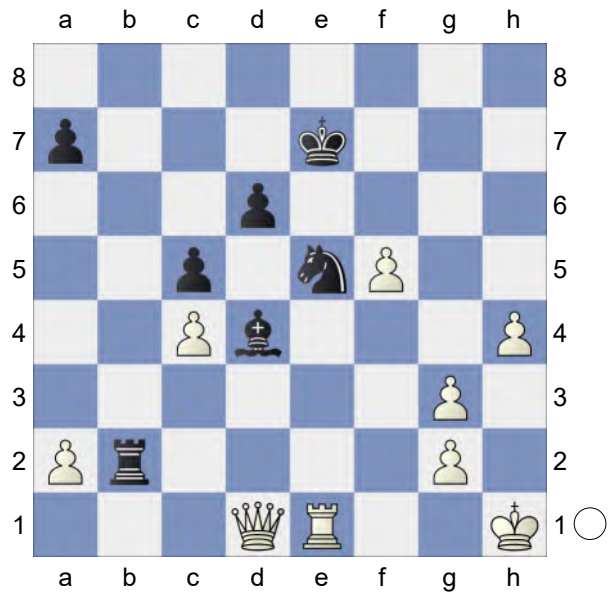
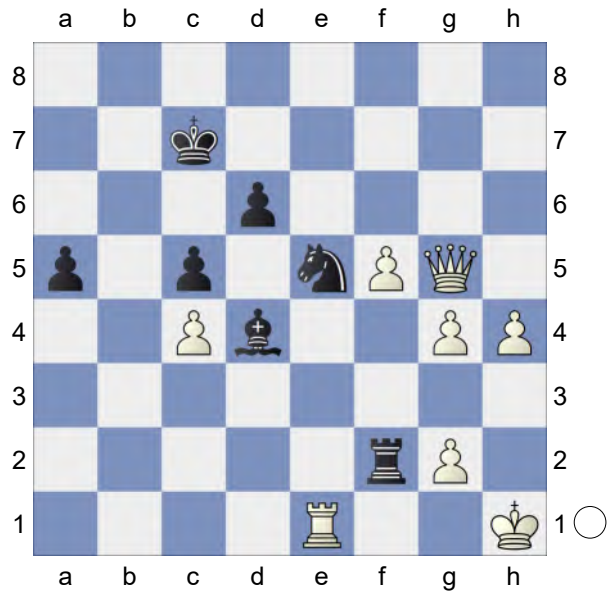


36.Qh5 Rxa2 37.g4 Rf2 38.Qh7+ Kd8 39.Qg8+ Kc7 40.Qg5 a5



41.f6 a4

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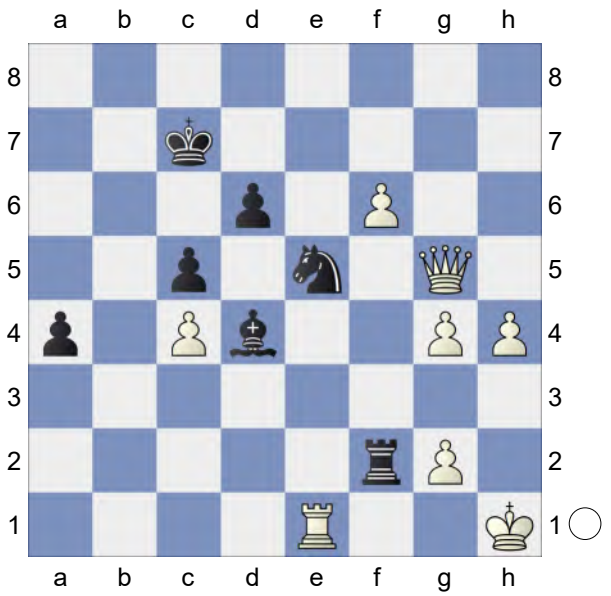

42.Rxe5? 0.00/27 **Bxe5** Endgame KQ-KRB **43.Qg7+**

[43.g3!? a3□ 44.f7= *(44.Qg7+ Kb6=)*]

43...Kc6! 44.Kg1 Against Rf1+

[44.g3!? a3□ 45.Qf8=]

White stays focused until the end.

44...Rxf6 4.10/19

[44...Bd4!= 0.00/19 45.Qg8 a3]

45.Qg8 a3 4.76/21

[⌓45...Kc7 3.07/18 46.Qa8 Rf4 47.Qa5+ *(47.Qxa4 Rxg4 48.h5 Rf4+-)* 47...Kc8 48.Qxa4 Rxg4]

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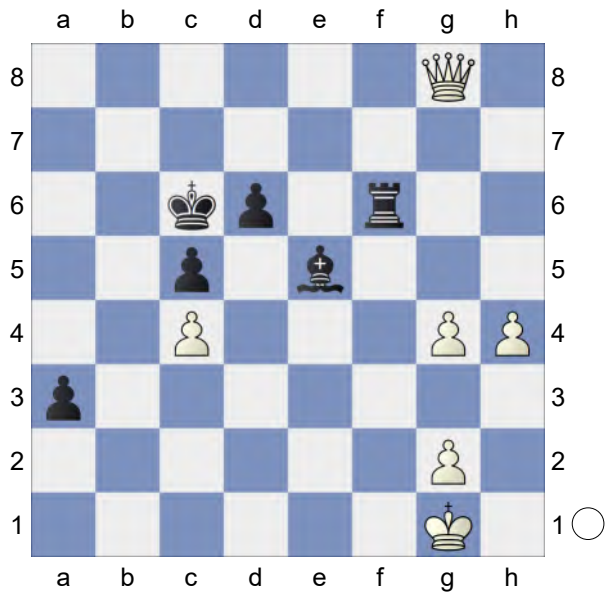
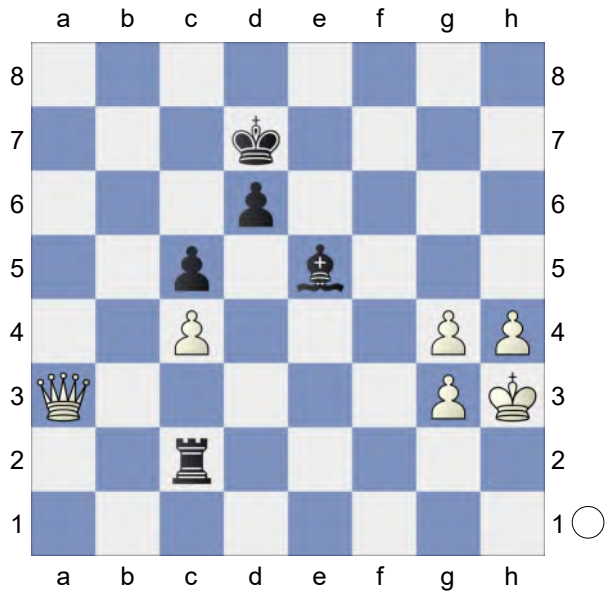


46.Qa8+ Kd7 47.Qxa3 Bd4+ 48.Kh2 Be5+ 49.g3 Rf2+ 50.Kh3 Rc2



51.Qa7+ Ke6 52.Qh7 Rc3 53.h5 Rxg3+ 54.Kh4 Rg1 55.Qg6+ Bf6+

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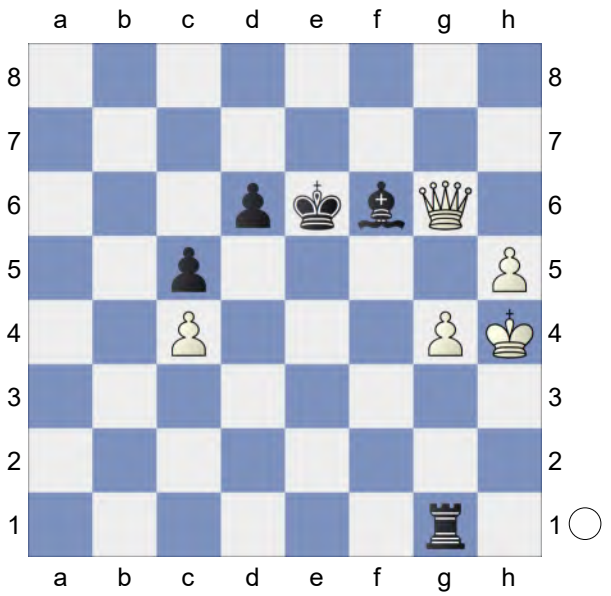
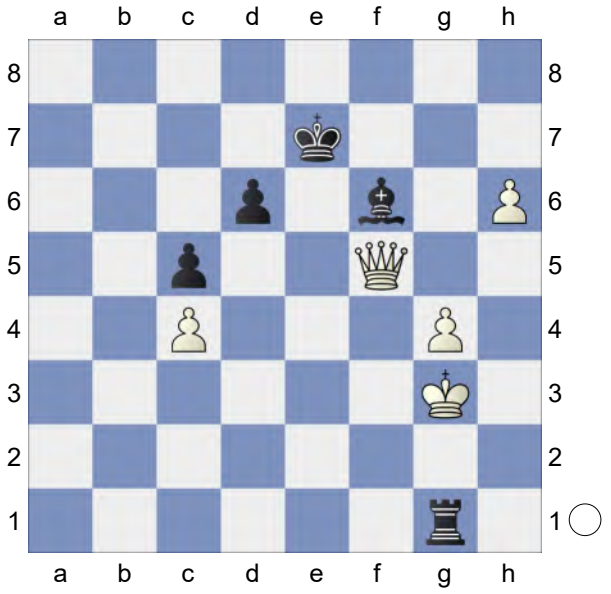


56.Kh3 Ke7 57.Qh7+ Ke6 58.Qf5+ Ke7 59.h6 Rh1+ 60.Kg3? 0.76/22

[60.Kg2+- 5.02/24 and the rest is easy. Rxh6 61.g5 Bxg5 Remove Defender 62.Qxg5+ Rf6 63.Kg3]

60...Rg1+ 8.26/20

[60...Be5+± 0.76/22 61.Kf2 Rxh6]



61.Kf2 Bd4+ 62.Ke2 Rg2+ 63.Kd3 Rg3+ 64.Kc2 Rg2+ 65.Kb3 Rb2+

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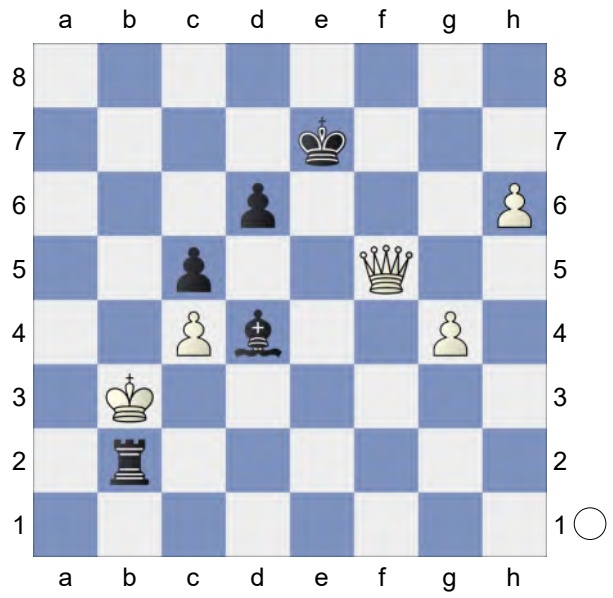
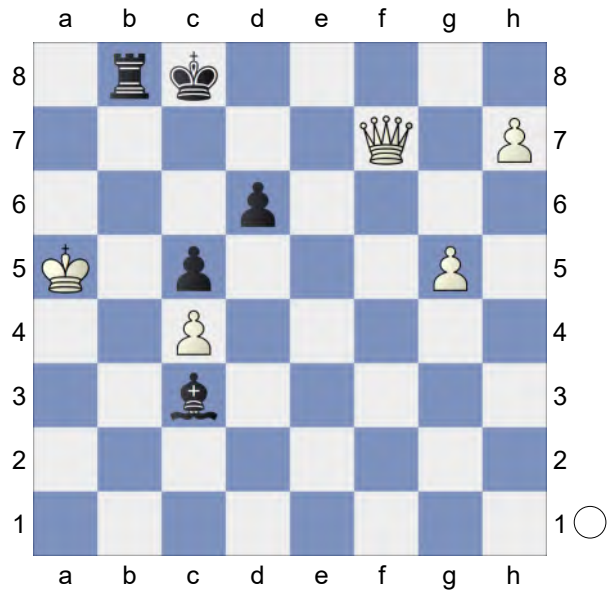


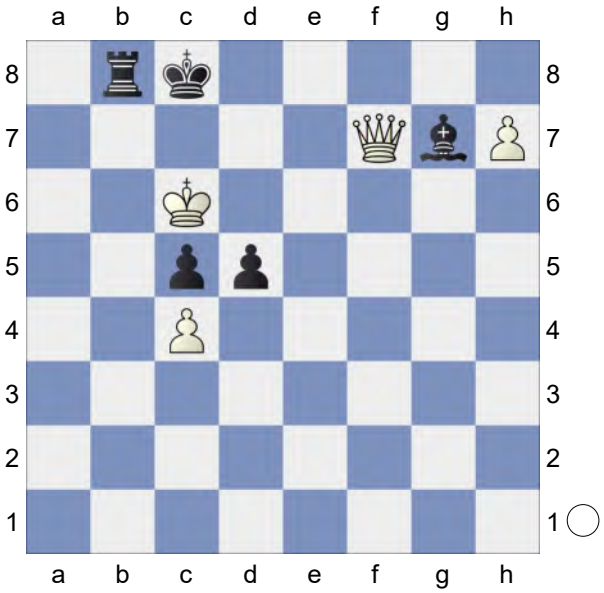
66.Ka4 Rb4+ 67.Ka5 Rb8 68.h7 Kd8 69.Qf7 Kc8 70.g5 White threatens Ka6 and mate. **70...Bc3+**



71.Ka6 Bd4 72.g6 d5 73.g7 #5/20

[73.Qf8++- 31.68/17 Kc7 74.Qf4+ Kc8 75.Qf7 *(75.cxd5 Rb4+-; 75.Qxd4 Ra8+ 76.Kb5 cxd4 77.h8Q+ Kb7 78.Qh7+ Kc8 79.g7 Rb8+ 80.Kc6 Rb6+ 81.Kxb6 Kd7 82.g8Q+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kd6 83.Qxd5#)* 75...Rb2 76.g7 *(76.cxd5 c4+-)* 76...Bxg7 77.Qg8+ Kc7 78.Qxg7+ Kc6 79.Qxb2 *(79.h8Q? Ra2#)*]

73...Ra8+ White mates. **74.Kb6 Rb8+ 75.Kc6 Bxg7**



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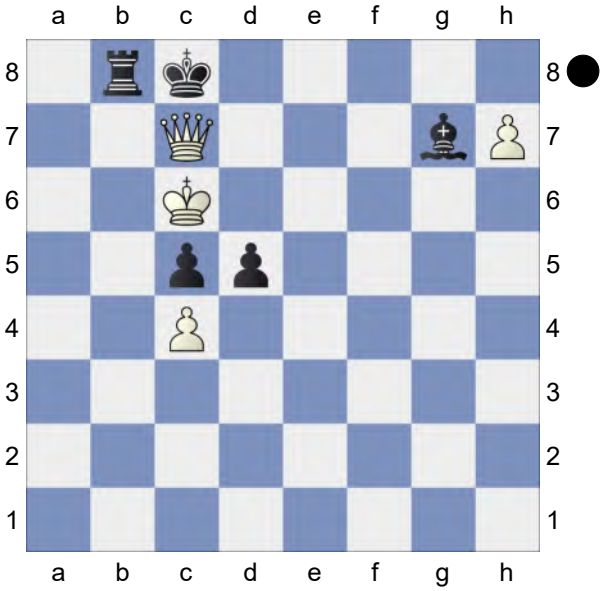

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77 **A40**
□ **Kuzubov,Yuriy** **2605**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
Titled Tue 26th Mar Late blitz (4) 26.03.24
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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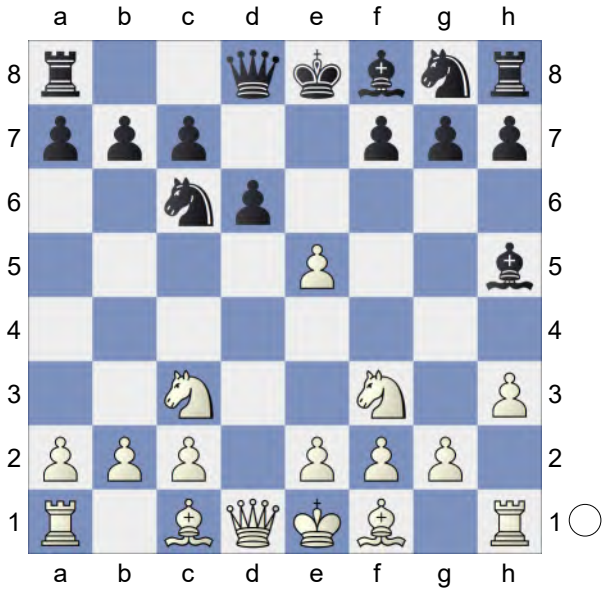
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4.Nc3 Nc6 5.h3N
[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.e4 *(6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6* 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)*)* 6...Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxd6 a4 18.Qc4 Rfc8 19.Bf4 Qb7 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]
[5.Bg5 Qd7 6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]
5...Bh5 1.69/21
[5...Bxf3± 0.87/21 is a better defense. 6.exf3 *(6.gxf3 dxe5 7.Qxd8+ Rxd8±)* 6...dxe5]



6.Bg5+- Qd7

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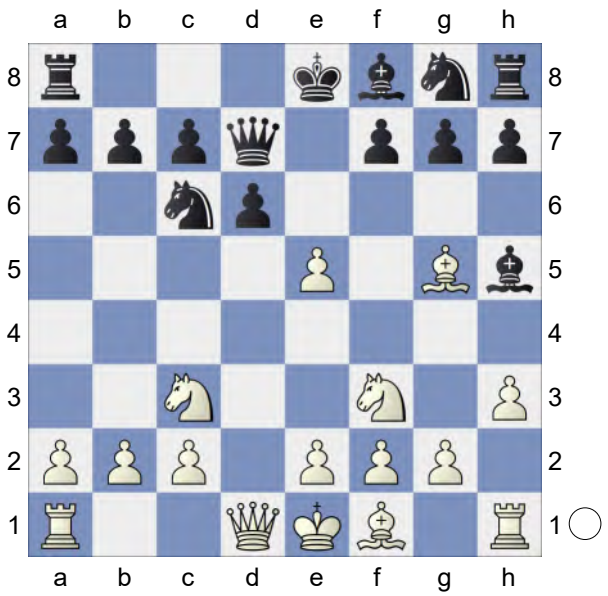
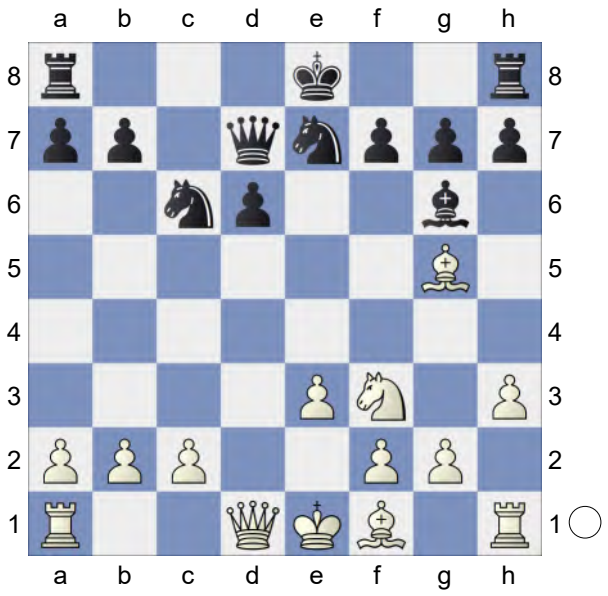


7.exd6! Bxd6 8.Ne4 White is clearly better. **8...Bg6 9.Nxd6+ cxd6 10.e3 Nge7**



11.c3 Inhibits Nb4. **11...f6 12.Bf4 Ne5 13.Be2 0-0-0 14.Nd4 Be4 15.f3 Bg6**

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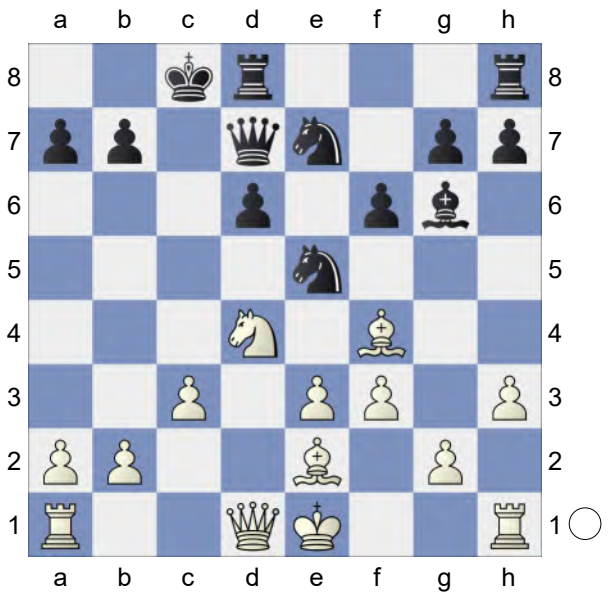
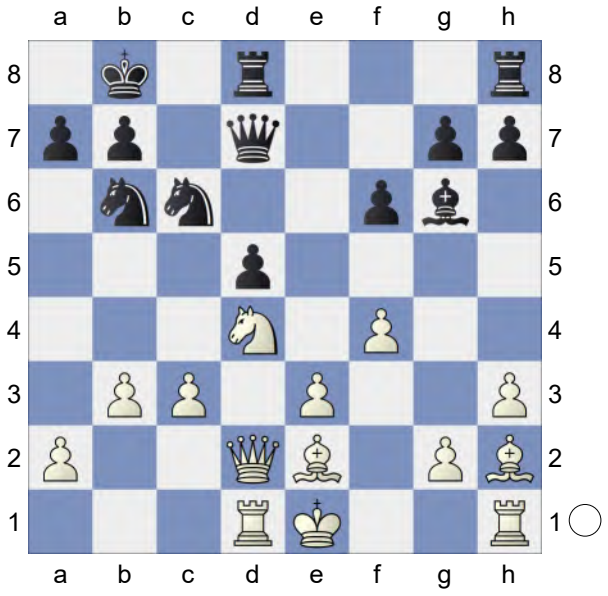


16.Qd2 Kb8 17.Rd1 Nd5 18.Bh2 Nb6 19.b3 d5 20.f4 Nc6



21.f5+ Ka8 22.fxg6 hxg6 23.0-0 f5 24.Bf3 g5 25.Qe2 Ne7

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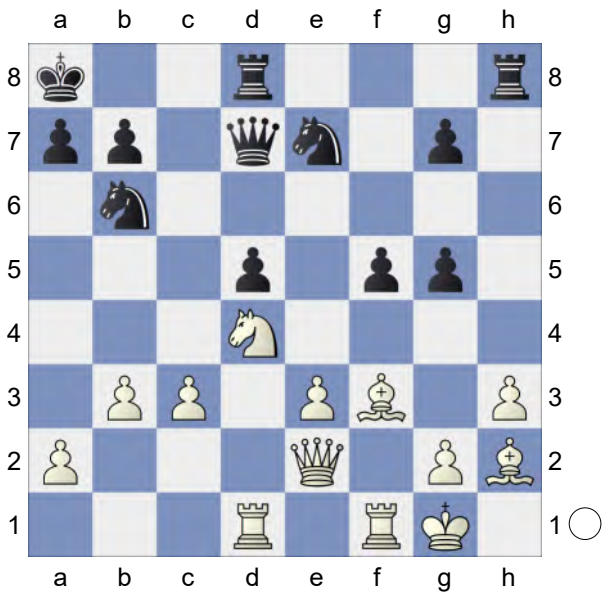
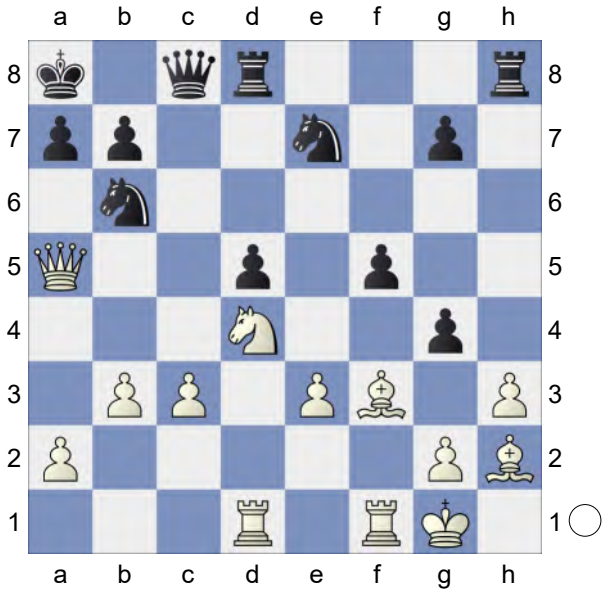


26.Qb5 Qc8 27.Qa5 g4



28.Nb5! Nc6

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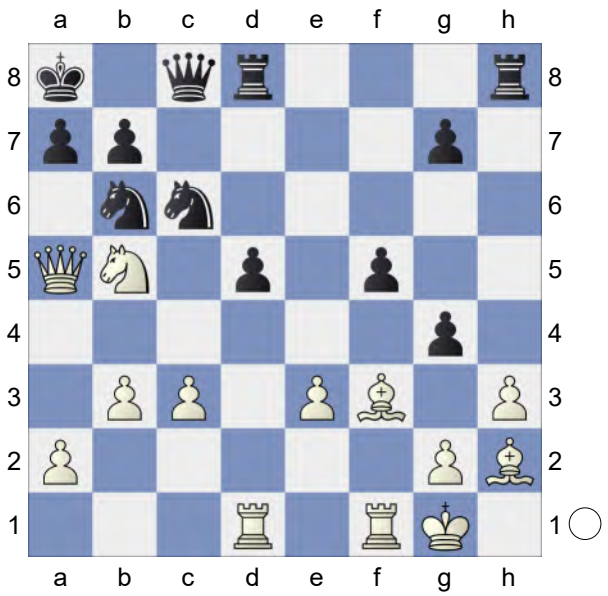
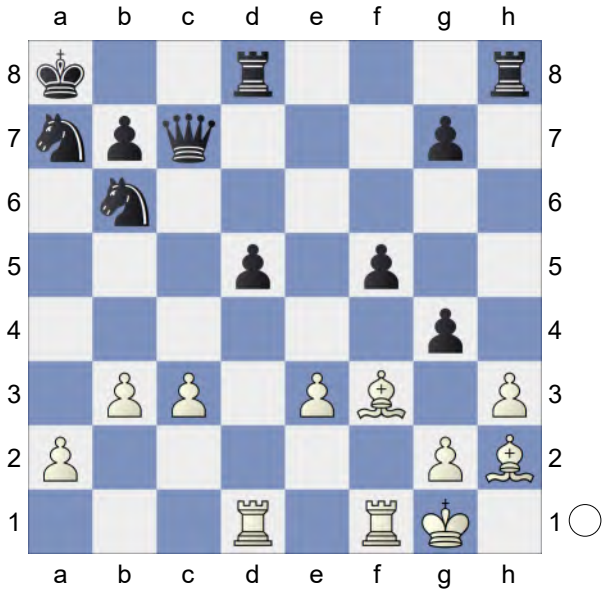
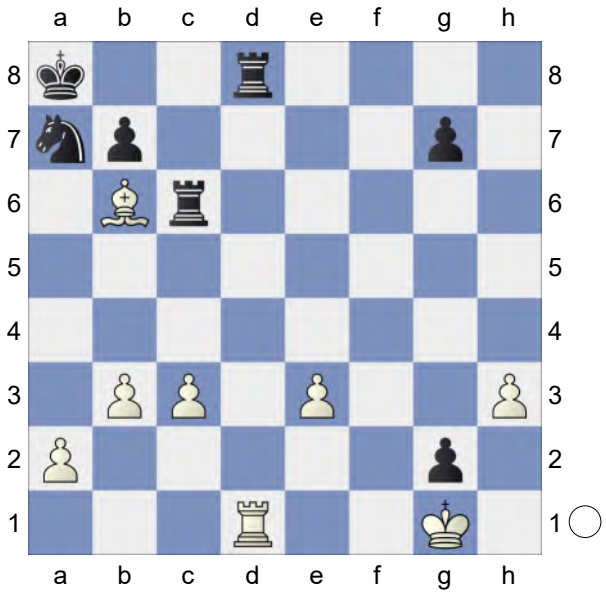


29.Qxa7+ 2.64/5 **Nxa7 30.Nc7+ Qxc7**



31.Bxc7 gxf3 32.Bxb6 fxg2 33.Rxf5
[33.Bxd8 gxf1B *(33...gxf1R+? 34.Rxf1 Rxd8 35.Rxf5-+; 33...gxf1N 34.Bb6∓)* 34.Rxf1 Rxd8=]
[33.Kxg2 Rd6+-]
33...Rc8 34.Rfxd5 Hoping for Ra5.
[Much less strong is 34.Kxg2 Rh6+-]
34...Rc6? 5.38/18
[34...Rxh3 2.88/18 35.Kxg2 Rh6]
35.Rd8+ White is clearly winning.
35...Rxd8

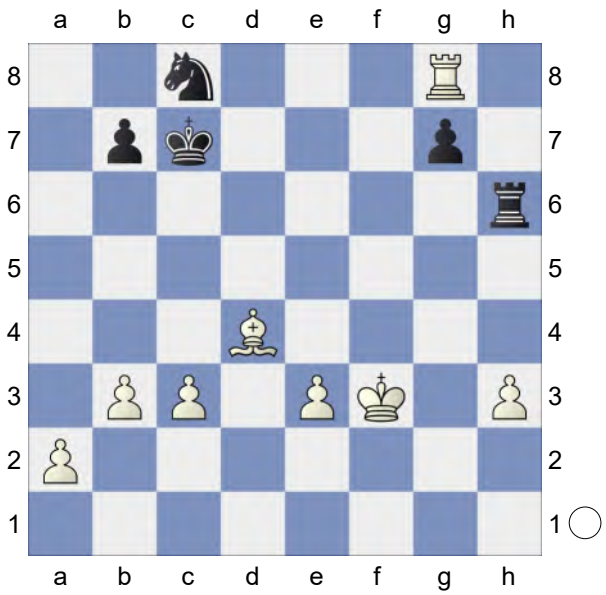
(Diagram)



36.Rxd8+ Endgame KRB-KRN. White is two pawns up.

[Not 36.Bxd8 Nb5 37.Rd7 *(37.Kxg2 Nxc3 38.Rd2 Rh6+-)* 37...Nxc3 38.Rxg7 *(38.Kxg2 Rg6+ 39.Kf3 Nxa2+-)* 38...Nxa2 39.Kxg2 Nc1+-]

36...Nc8 37.Bd4 Kb8 38.Kxg2 Kc7 39.Rg8 Rg6+ 40.Kf3 Rh6



41.Rxg7+ Kc6 42.Kg3 Nd6 43.Rg4 b5 44.a4 bxa4 45.bxa4 Rh7

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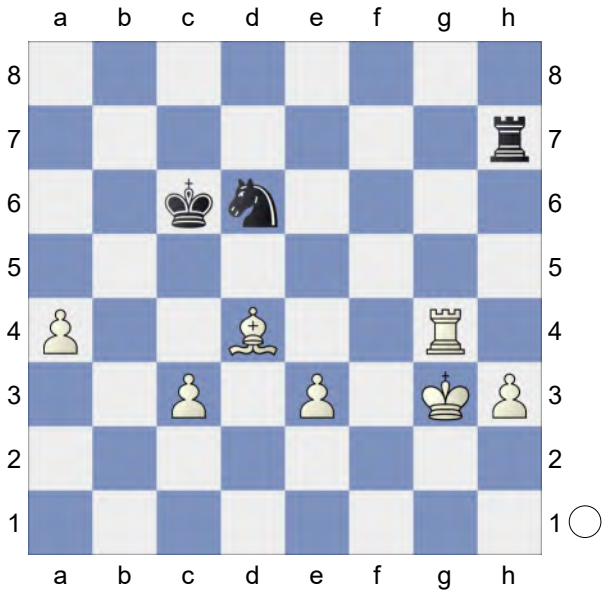
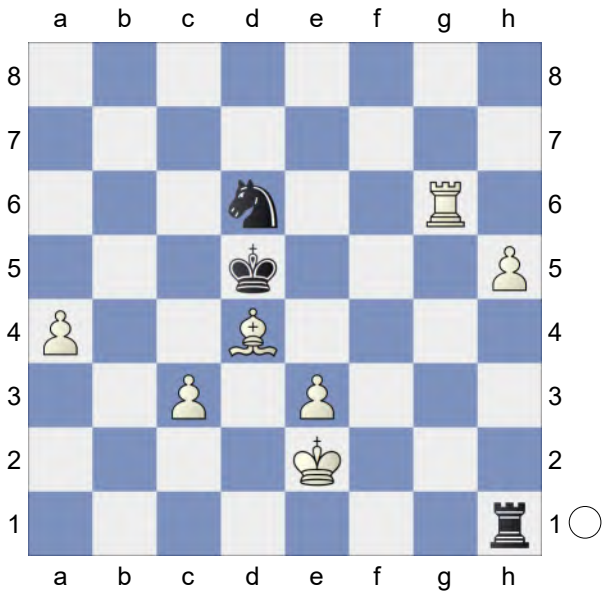


46.h4 Rb7 47.h5 Rb1 48.Kf3 Rf1+ 49.Ke2 Rh1 50.Rg6 Kd5



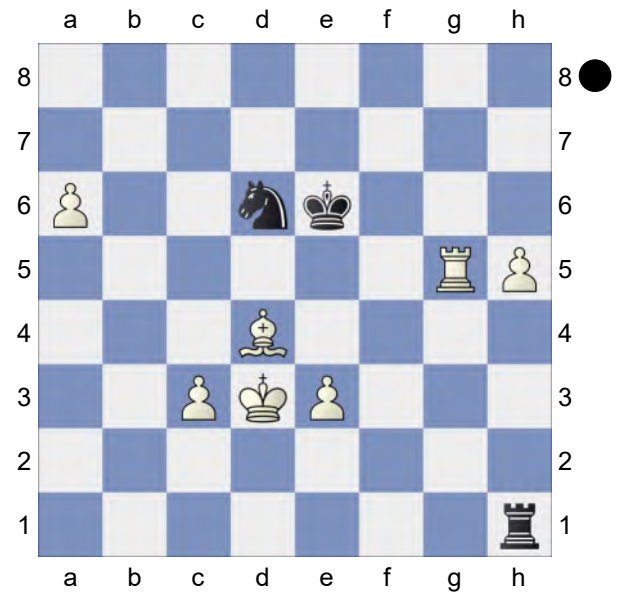
51.Rg5+ Kc6 52.Kd3 Kd7 53.a5 Ke6

Black got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.38

54.a6

(Diagram)



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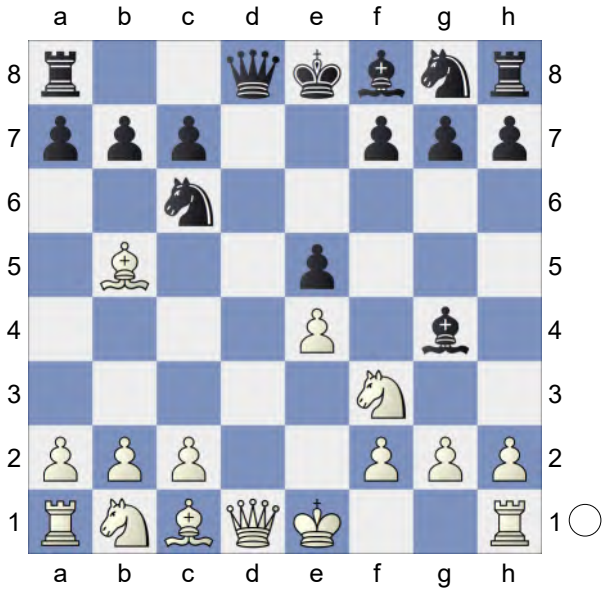
78 **A40**
□ **Avila Pavas,Santiago** **2511**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
Titled Tue 25th Mar Early blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

C41: Philidor Defence
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4N
[4.Bf4 f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]
[4.Bg5
A) 4...Be7 5.Bxe7 Ngxe7 *(5...Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Rxb7* 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998*)* 6.exd6 cxd6 7.c3 0-0 8.e3 Be6 9.Be2 Qb6 10.Qc2 Bf5 11.Qb3 Qxb3 12.axb3 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023;
B) 4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bg4 5.Bb5 dxe5



6.Qxd8+ Rxd8 7.Nbd2
[7.Nxe5? Rd1#]
7...f6 8.h3 -0.15/20
[8.Bxc6+± 0.53/20 bxc6 9.Nb3]
8...Bh5 0.44/21
[8...Bd7= -0.15/20]
9.c3 Nge7 10.Nf1 a6

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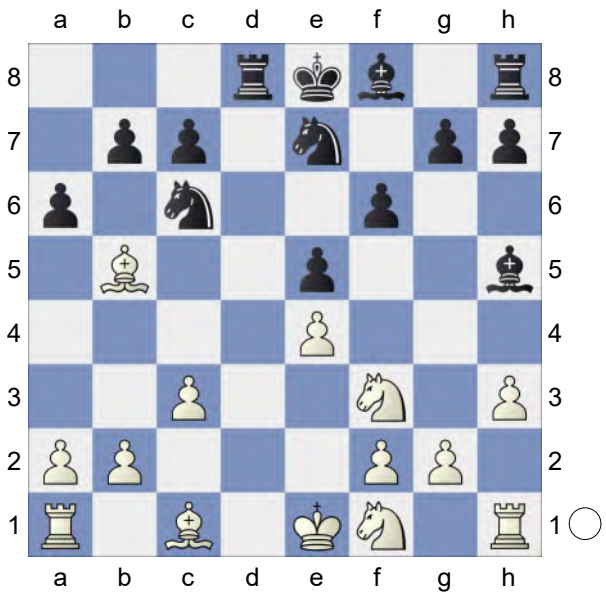
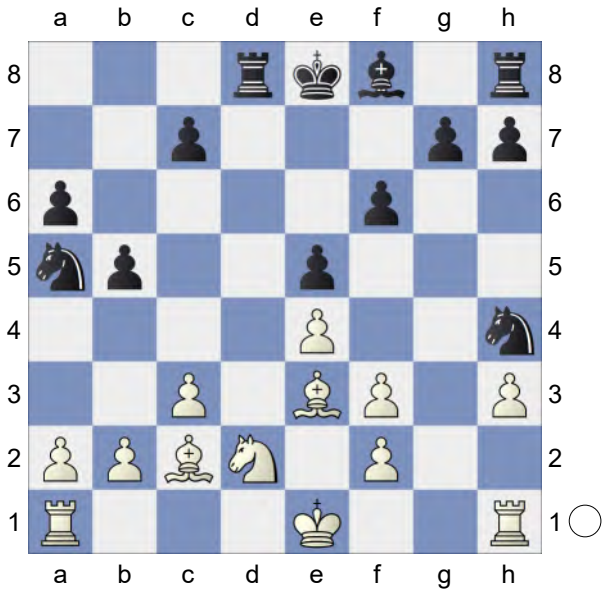
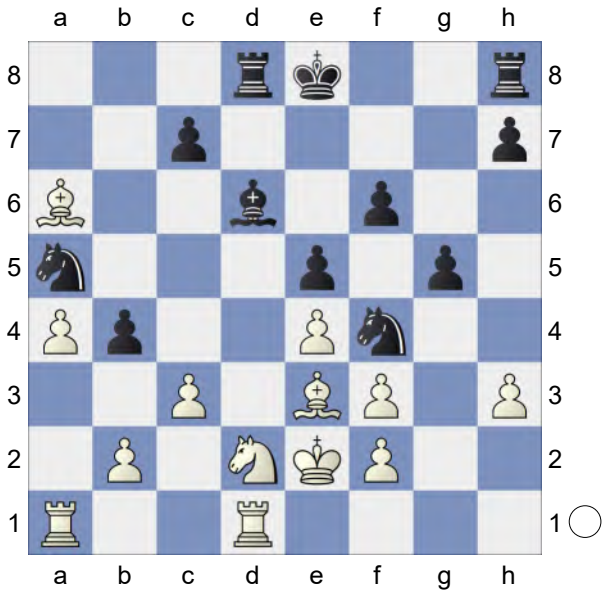


11.Ba4 Bxf3 0.37/22
[11...Bg6= -0.10/20]
12.gxf3± Ng6 13.Be3 b5 14.Bc2 Na5 15.Nd2 Nh4 1.12/24
[15...Nf4± 0.48/20]



16.Ke2 g5 17.Rhd1
[17.b4 Nc6 18.Nb3 Ng2 19.a4]
17...Bd6 18.Bd3 Ng6 19.a4 0.90/17
[19.b4 1.29/19 Nb7 20.a4]
19...b4± 20.Bxa6 Nf4+ 1.52/20
[⌓20...bxc3 1.02/21 21.bxc3 Ra8 22.Bb5+ c6]



21.Bxf4 gxf4 2.44/20
[21...exf4± 1.28/18 was necessary. 22.Nc4 Nxc4]
22.Nc4!+- Nb3 23.Ra2 0.97/23
[23.Bb5++- 2.71/18 Ke7 24.Rab1]
23...Bc5± 24.Bb5+ Ke7 25.Bc6? -0.67/21 White is weak on the dark squares
[25.a5± 1.15/20 Ba7 26.a6 *(26.cxb4 Nd4+ 27.Rxd4 Rxd4=)*]
25...Ba7? 0.88/24
[25...Rhg8!∓ -0.67/21 26.Bd5 Rg2 27.cxb4 Ba7 *(27...Rxf2+ 28.Ke1∓; 27...Bxf2 28.b5∓)*]

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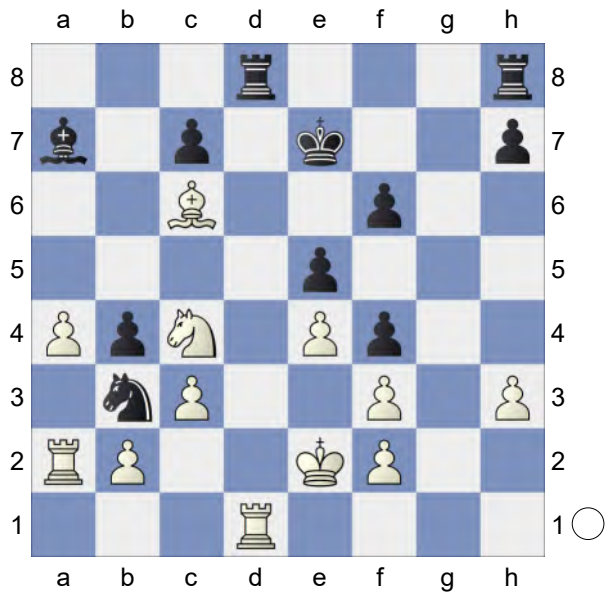

Black is more active. **26.a5** 0.30/22
[26.cxb4?! Rxd1 *(26...Nd4+ 27.Rxd4 Rxd4 28.Na5=)* 27.Kxd1 Rg8=]
[26.Bd5!± 0.88/24]
26...bxc3 1.41/20
[26...Rxd1!= 0.30/22 27.Kxd1 bxc3 28.bxc3 Rg8]
27.bxc3 Rb8? 4.72/19
[27...Rhg8± 1.41/21]
28.Rd7++- Ke6 29.Rc2 Prevents Nc1+.
[29.Rxc7 Rbd8 30.Rb2 *(30.Rxa7 Nc1+ 31.Ke1 Nxa2+-)* 30...Nc1+ 31.Kf1 Rd1+ 32.Kg2 Bxf2 33.Rxf2 *(33.Bd5+ Rxd5 34.exd5+ Kxd5+-)* 33...f5 34.Bd5+ Kf6 35.Rc6+ *(35.Rf7+ Kg5+-)* 35...Kg7]
29...Rbc8 30.Rg7 f5

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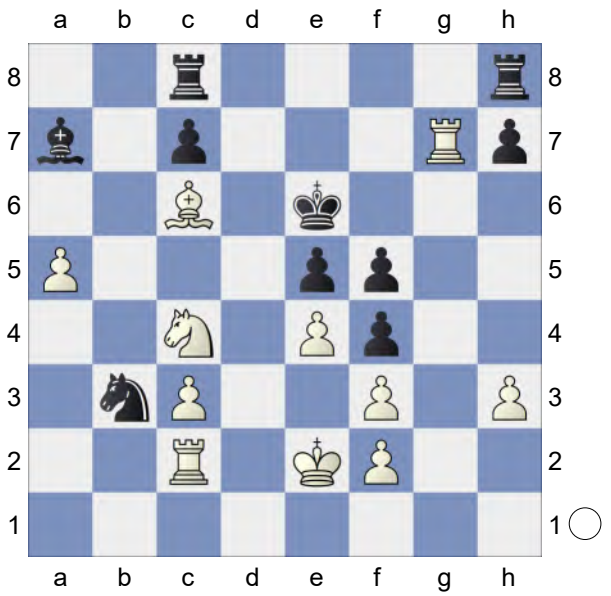
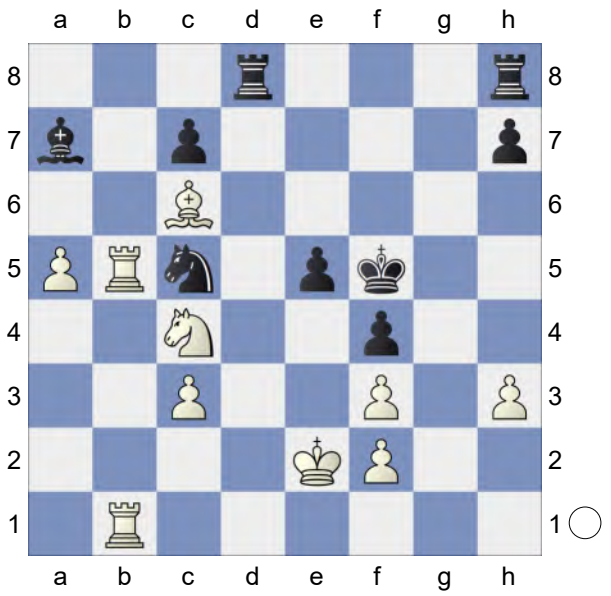
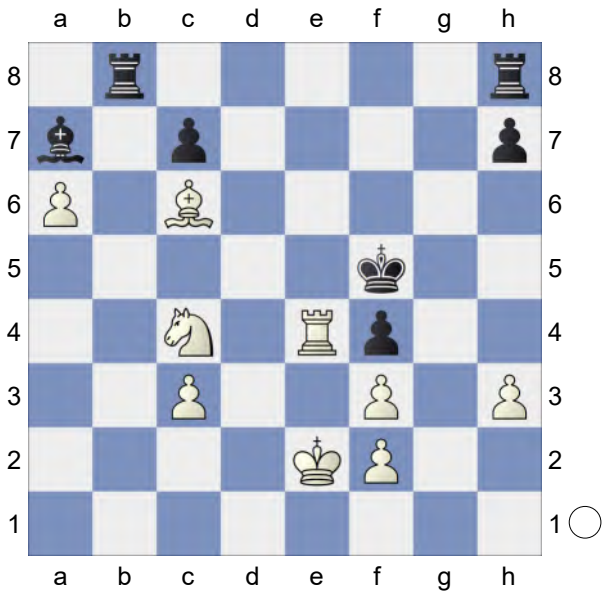


31.Rb2 Kf6 32.Rg1 Nc5 33.exf5 Kxf5 34.Rb5 Rb8 3.34/20
[⌓34...Rhg8 2.23/20]
35.Rgb1 1.51/17
[35.Rxb8+- 3.34/20 Bxb8 36.Rd1]
35...Rbd8 2.52/19
[35...Rxb5± 1.51/17 36.Rxb5 Rg8]



36.Rxc5 Bxc5 37.Rb5 Ba7 38.a6 0.52/21
[38.Rxe5+ Kf6±]
[38.Nxe5± 1.59/18 Rb8 39.Be4+ Ke6 40.Bb7]

38...Rb8 1.41/19
[38...Kf6!± 0.52/21]
39.Rxe5+± Kf6 40.Re4 Kf5 1.69/18
[40...Rb1± 1.20/17]



41.Re5+ 0.74/19
[41.Bb7+- 1.69/18 and White stays clearly on top.]
41...Kf6 42.Be4 -0.04/19
[42.Re4± 1.21/18]
42...Rhe8 0.84/20
[42...Rb2+!= -0.04/19 43.Nxb2 Kxe5]
43.Rd5 0.31/18
[43.Rh5± 0.84/20]
43...Re7 0.75/17
[43...Rb1± 0.31/18]
44.Rf5+
[44.Rh5 with more complications. Rb1 45.h4 Ra1 46.Na5]
44...Kg7 45.Rxf4 0.10/20
[White should play 45.Kd3± 0.60/18]
45...Rb5 0.55/19
[45...Re6!= 0.10/20]

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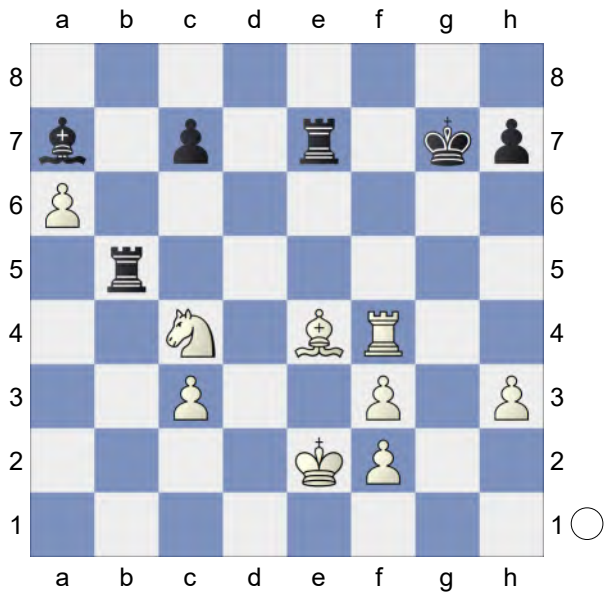
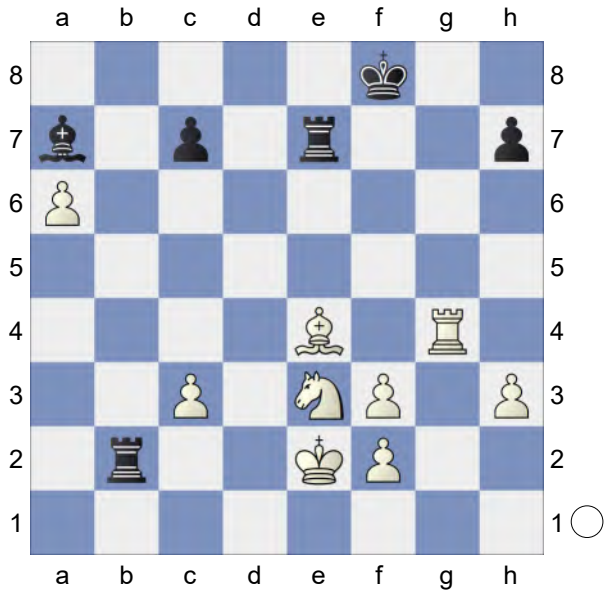
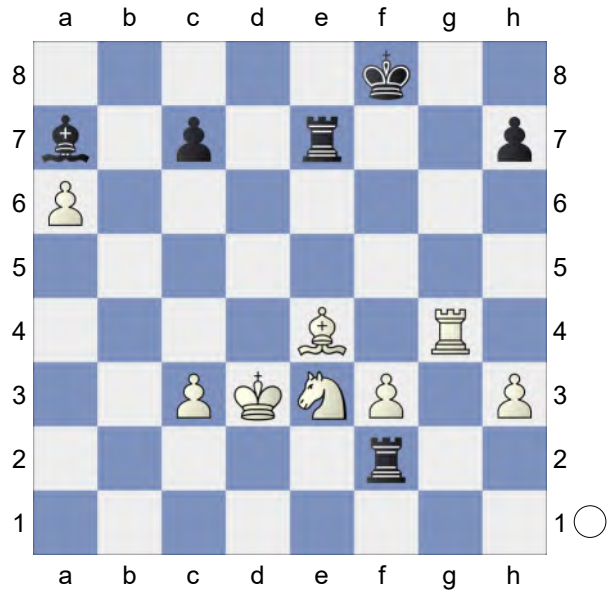


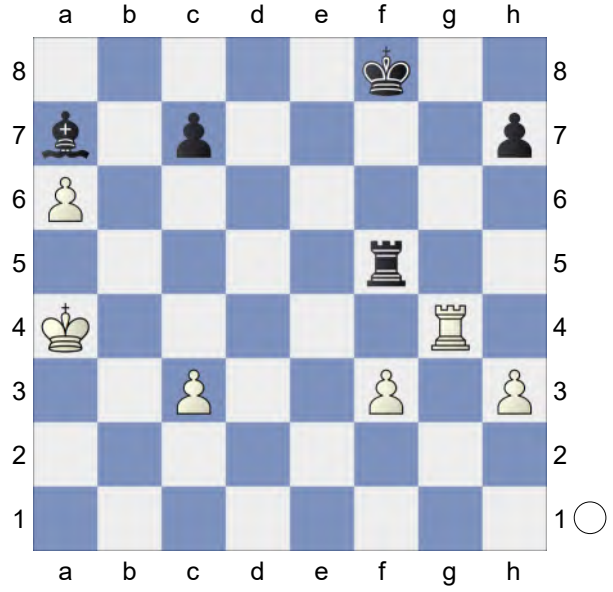
46.Rg4+ Kf8 47.Rf4+ Ke8 0.94/19
[47...Kg7± 0.48/19]
48.Rg4 0.09/19
[48.Kd3± 0.94/19 Strongly threatening Bc6+. Re6 49.Bb7 *(49.Bxh7 Rd5+ 50.Kc2 Rxa6=)*]
48...Kf8 49.Ne3 Rb2+ 0.73/20
[49...Ra5= 0.27/17 is more appropriate.]



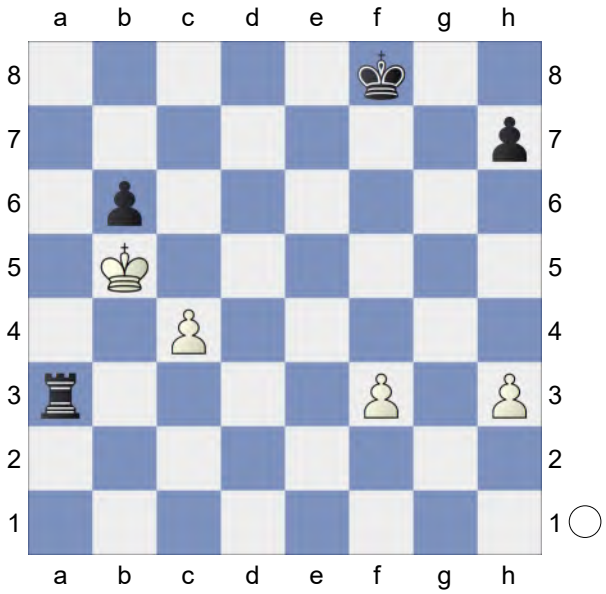
50.Kd3! Rxf2 1.33/19
[Black should play 50...Rd7+ 0.73/18 51.Kc4 Ra2]



51.Nf5 0.36/18
[51.Nc2± 1.33/19]
51...Rd7+± 52.Kc4 Ra2 53.Bd5? -3.94/21
[53.Bb7!± 0.54/19 stays ahead.]
53...Ra4+-+
[53...Rxa6 54.Rg8#]
54.Kb5 Rxd5+ 55.Kxa4 Rxf5



Endgame KRB-KR **56.Rb4 Bb6** -1.72/17
[And not 56...Rxf3 57.Rb7 Bf2 *(57...Rf4+ 58.c4=)* 58.Rxc7= *(58.a7 Bxa7 59.Rxa7 Rxc3∓)*]
[⌓56...Ke7 -3.05/18 And now ...Kd7! would win. 57.Rh4 Rxf3 58.Rxh7+ Kd6 59.Rh6+ Kd5 60.Rh5+ Kc6]
57.Rxb6? -10.84/16
[57.Rb5 -1.72/17 Rf6 *(57...Rxf3? 58.Rxb6 Rf1 59.Rb4+-)* 58.h4]
57...cxb6 KR-KP. Black is clearly winning. **58.Kb4 Ra5**
[58...Rxf3? 59.a7 Rxh3 *(59...Rf4+? 60.c4+-)* 60.a8Q++- *(60.a8B?* too greedy. *Rh5-+)*]
59.c4 Rxa6 KR-K3P **60.Kb5 Ra3**



61.Kxb6 Rxf3 62.c5 Rxh3 63.c6 Rb3+ 64.Kc5 Rc3+ 65.Kd4
Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.53
65...Rxc6

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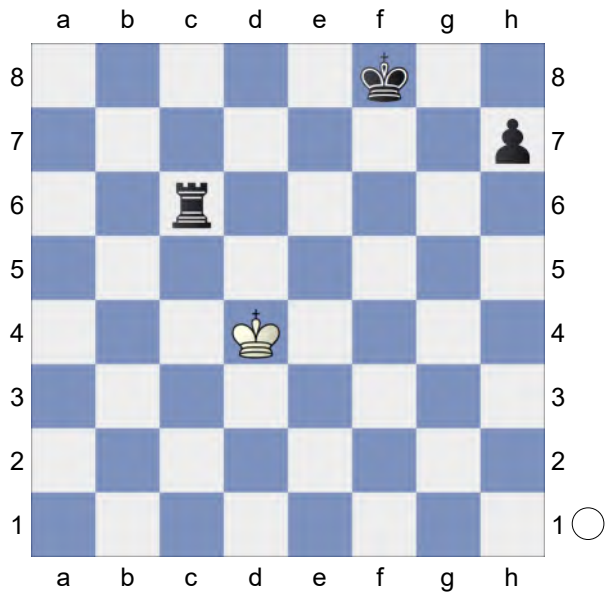

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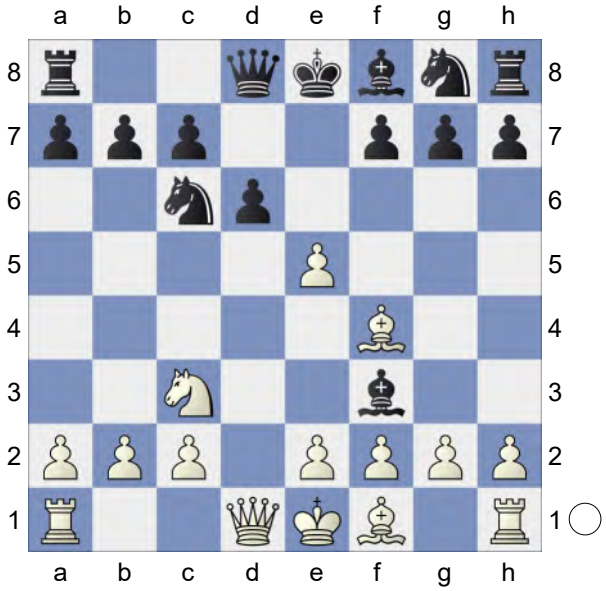
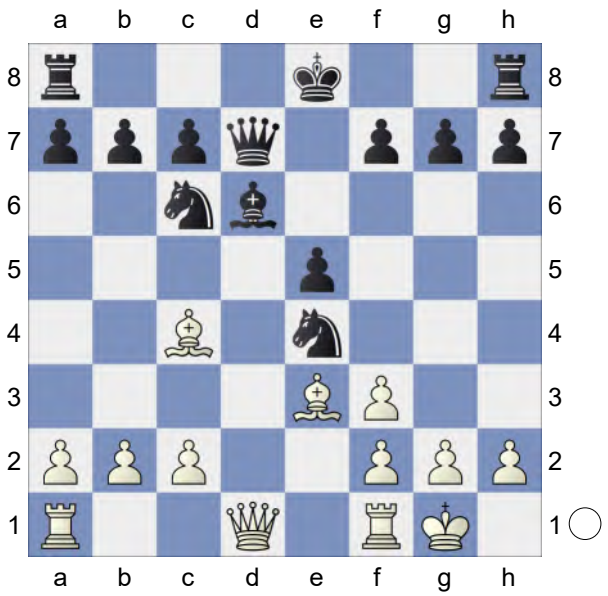
79 **A40**
□ **Le,Tuan Minh** **2567**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
Titled Tue 18th Jun Early (2) 18.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

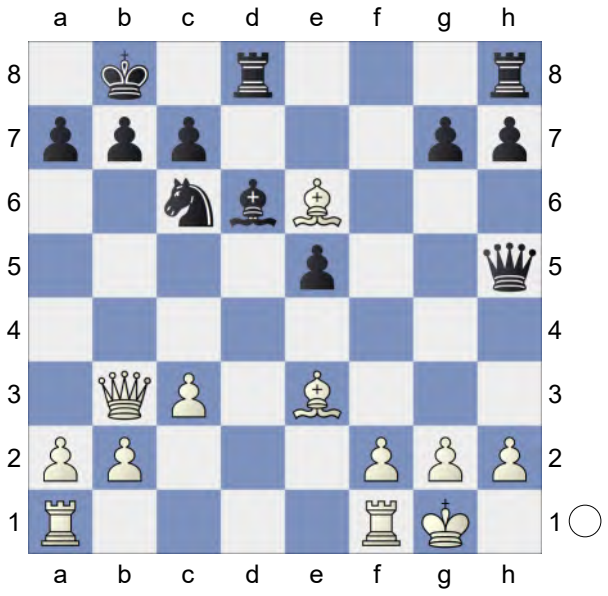
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Bf4**
[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Bg4 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2* 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)*)* 4.Bg5 f6 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 Be6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3 g5 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024]
3...Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4N
[4...f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 19.Nxb7 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]
5.Nc3 Bxf3



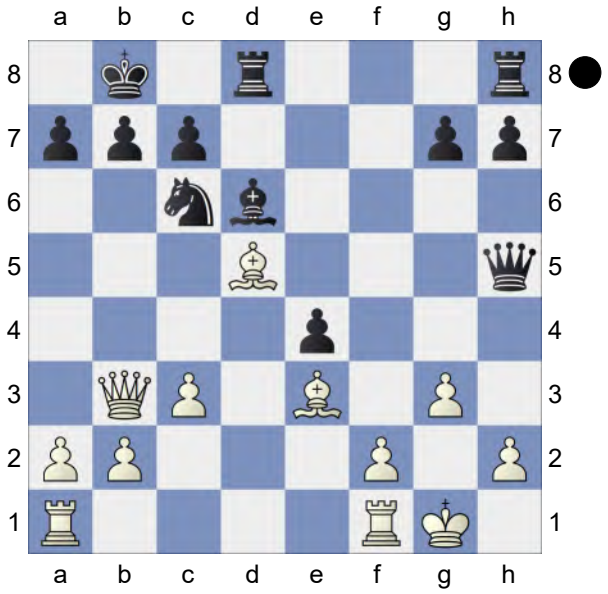
6.exf3 dxe5 7.Be3 0.29/20
[7.Qe2± 0.87/17]
7...Bd6 0.83/18
[7...Qxd1+= 0.29/20 remains equal. 8.Rxd1 Bb4]
8.Bc4 Nf6 9.0-0 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
9...Qd7 10.Ne4 Nxe4



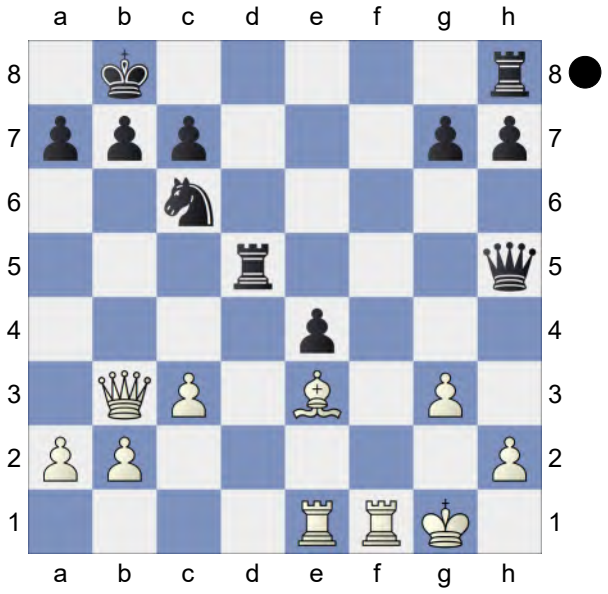
11.fxe4 0-0-0 1.66/17
[11...0-0± 0.95/18]
12.c3+- f5 13.exf5 Qxf5 14.Qb3! Qh5 15.Be6+ 0.93/16
[15.Bf7+- 1.84/18 g6 16.g3]
15...Kb8±



16.Bd5 0.52/19 A strong pair of Bishops.
[16.Rfd1± 0.98/23]
16...e4!± 17.g3? -1.40/22
[17.Bxc6? Qxh2#]
[17.h3± 0.87/20 keeps the pressure on. Na5 *(17...Bh2+ 18.Kxh2 Rxd5 19.f3=)* 18.Qb5 Bh2+ 19.Kxh2 Rxd5 20.Qa4]



17...Bxg3!∓ 18.fxg3 Rxd5 19.Rae1



Ne5 -0.72/21 **20.Qa4** Double Attack
[20.Bxa7+? Kxa7 21.Qa4+ Kb8 22.Qxe4 Ng4-+]
20...b6
[20...Nf3+? 21.Rxf3 b6 22.Rf4+- *(22.Qxe4 Re8+-)*]

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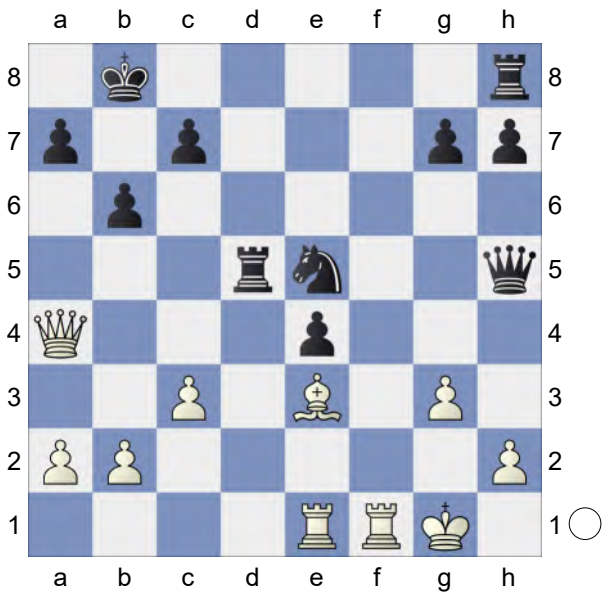
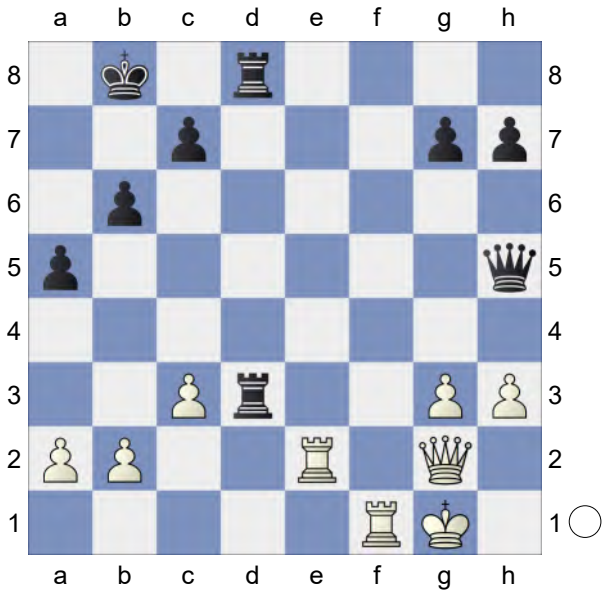
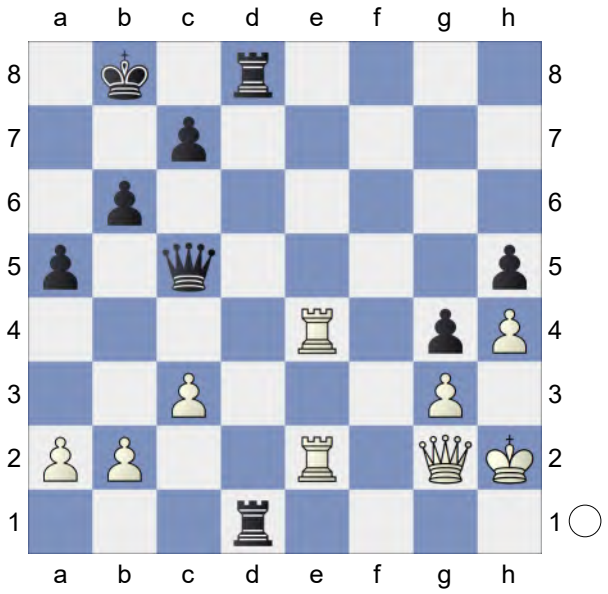


21.Qxe4 Ng4! 22.Qg2 Nxe3→
Black has some attack. **23.Rxe3 Rhd8**
24.Re2 Prevents Rd2 **24...a5** -0.42/20
[24...Rd1∓ -0.87/19 25.h3 Rxf1+ 26.Qxf1 a5]
25.h3 -1.02/19
[25.Qf3∓ -0.42/20]
25...Rd3 -0.58/21
[25...Re5∓ -1.02/19 26.Rfe1 Rxe2 27.Rxe2 Qf7]



26.Kh2∓ g5 27.Rff2 g4 28.h4 Qc5
-0.36/21
[28...Rf3!∓ -1.10/20 29.Re4 Qg6]
29.Rf4 -0.76/23
[29.Qe4∓ -0.36/21 is more appropriate.]
29...h5∓ 30.Rfe4 -1.38/21
[30.a3∓ -0.49/18]
30...Rd1 0.00/22
[30...Rf3!∓ -1.38/21 31.a4 Rdd3]



31.Re5= Qf8 0.86/23
[31...R1d5= 0.00/22 32.Rxd5 Qxd5]
32.Rf2 0.00/20
[32.Rxh5± 0.86/23 Strongly threatening Rg5. Qf7 33.Rg5]
32...Qh8 33.Qe4 -0.62/20
[33.Rfe2= 0.00/19]
33...R1d2∓ 34.Rg2 -1.21/23
[34.Rxd2∓ -0.66/22 Rxd2+ 35.Kg1 Rd1+ 36.Kg2]
34...Rxg2+∓ 35.Kxg2 Endgame

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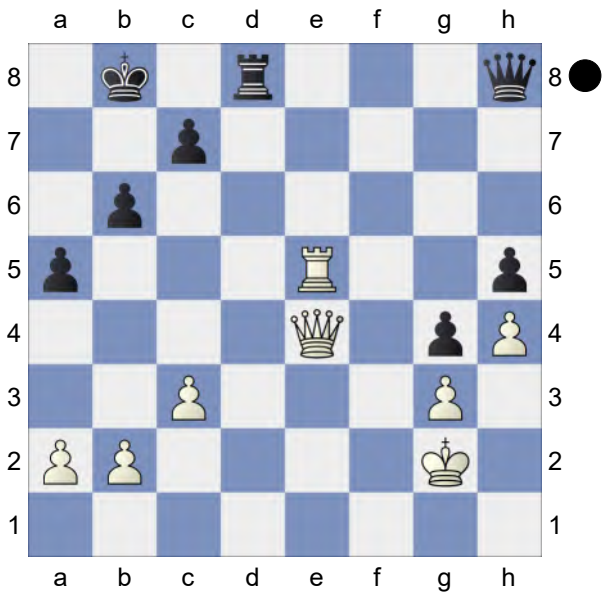
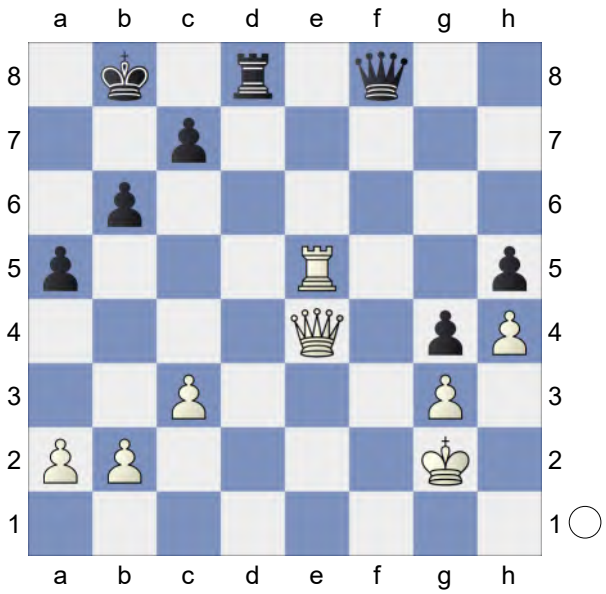
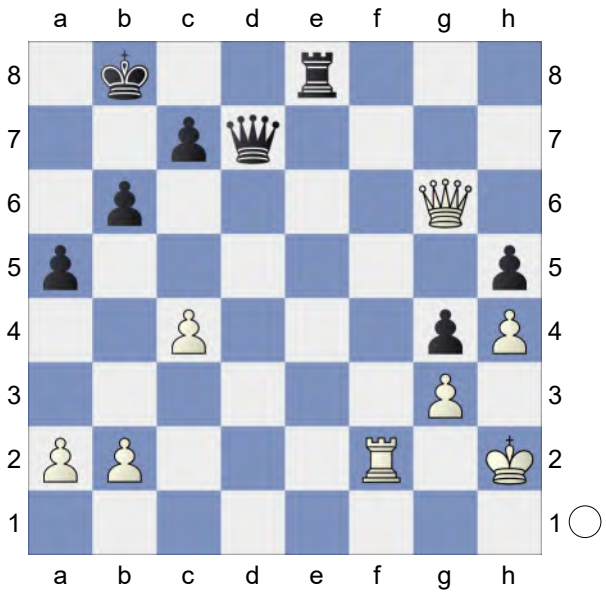


KQR-KQR **35...Qf8** -0.70/22
[35...Ka7!∓ -1.18/22 36.Qf4 Rd7]



36.Rf5? -2.42/24
[Better is 36.Qe2∓ -0.70/22]
36...Qd6? -0.87/21
[36...Rd2+-+ -2.42/24 is more deadly. 37.Kf1 Qd8 38.Rxh5 Rd1+ *(38...Rxb2 39.Rd5=)* 39.Kf2 Qd2+ 40.Qe2 Qc1 41.Rh8+ Ka7]
37.Rf2 -1.30/23
[⌓37.Kh2 -0.87/21]
37...Qd7 -0.82/20
[37...Qc5 -1.30/23 38.a3 Qd6]
38.Kh2 Re8 39.Qg6 -2.19/21
[39.Qg2∓ -0.91/22]
39...Qb5? -0.36/20
[Black should try 39...Re1-+ -2.19/21 aiming for ...Qd5. 40.Qc2 *(40.Qxh5? Qd1-+)* 40...Qe6]
40.c4∓ Deflection **40...Qd7** 0.34/23
[40...Qxc4? loses. 41.Qxe8+ Kb7 42.Qxh5+-]
[40...Qe5∓ -0.36/25]



41.Qxh5± **Ka7** 1.30/20
[41...Re1= 0.26/21]

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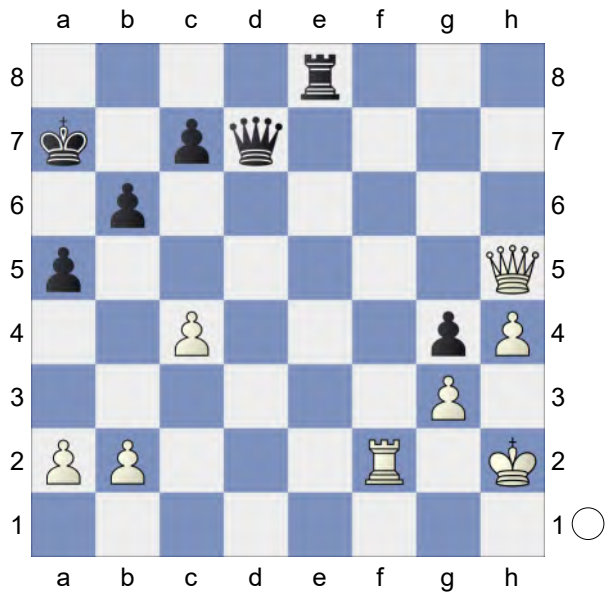
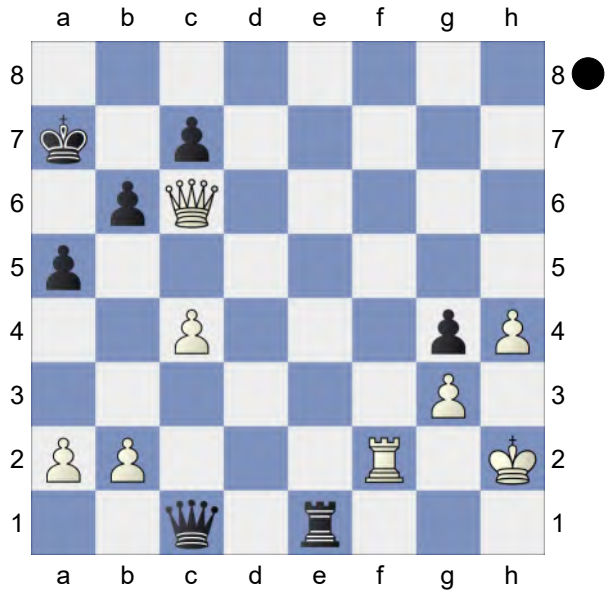


42.Qg6 0.19/23
[42.Qd5!± 1.30/20 Qe7 43.Qd4]
42...Re1 43.Qf5 Qd1 0.54/19
[43...Qc6= 0.06/23 44.Qd5 *(44.Qxg4? Rh1#)* 44...Qe8]
44.Qd5 Qc1 1.27/24
[44...Qxd5!± 0.54/22 45.cxd5 Rd1]
Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.43
45.Qc6



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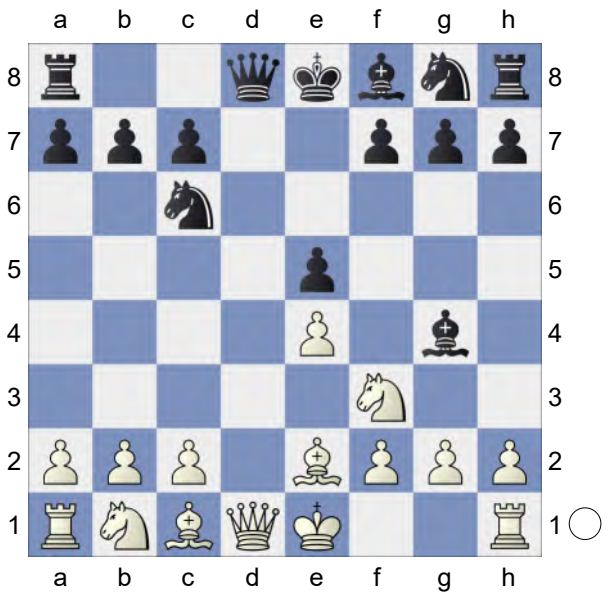
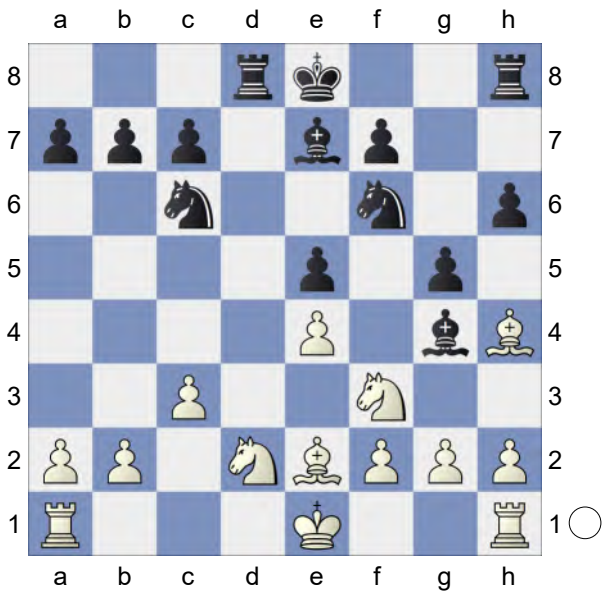
80 **A40**
□ **Bjelobrk,I** **2403**
■ **Sanal,V** **2595**
Titled Tue 19th Dec Late blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

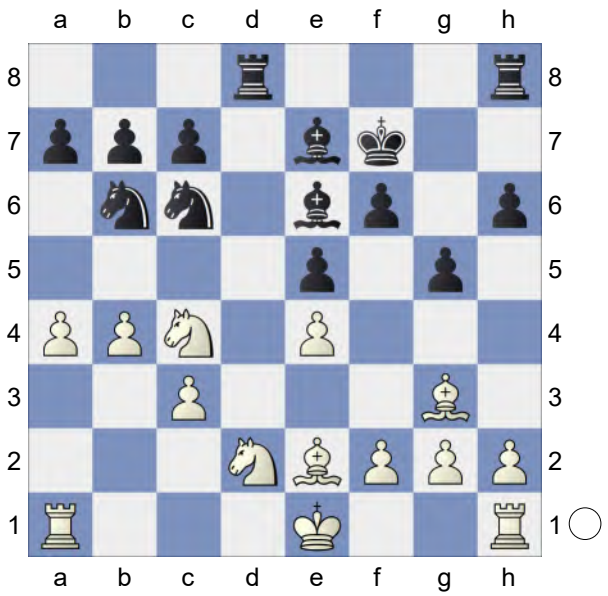
C41: Philidor Defence
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4N
[4.Bf4 f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]
[4.Bg5
A) 4...Be7 5.Bxe7 Ngxe7 *(5...Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Rxb7* 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998*)* 6.exd6 cxd6 7.c3 0-0 8.e3 Be6 9.Be2 Qb6 10.Qc2 Bf5 11.Qb3 Qxb3 12.axb3 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023;
B) 4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bg4 5.Be2 dxe5



6.Qxd8+ Rxd8 7.c3 Nf6 8.Bg5 -0.18/18
[8.Nbd2 0.21/21]
8...Be7 9.Nbd2 h6 0.46/19
[9...Nd7= 0.10/19]
10.Bh4 -0.03/18
[10.Be3± 0.46/19]
10...g5



11.Bg3 Nd7 12.b4 f6 13.Nc4 -0.24/21
[13.h4± 0.43/18]
13...Be6 14.Nfd2 Nb6 15.a4 Kf7
[15...Nxb4!? 16.cxb4 Bxb4=]



16.f3 -0.49/19
[16.b5= -0.01/20 might be stronger. Nxc4 17.Nxc4]
16...Nc8 0.66/17
[16...Nxb4!∓ -0.49/19 17.cxb4 Bxb4]
17.Bf2 b6 0.78/17
[17...h5± 0.42/16]
18.0-0 -0.25/17
[18.h4± 0.78/17]
18...Nd6 0.46/19
[18...a5= -0.25/17]
19.Rfd1 -0.13/21
[19.Nxd6+± 0.46/19 Rxd6 20.Nc4]
19...h5 0.35/21
[19...a5= -0.13/21]
20.Ne3 a5

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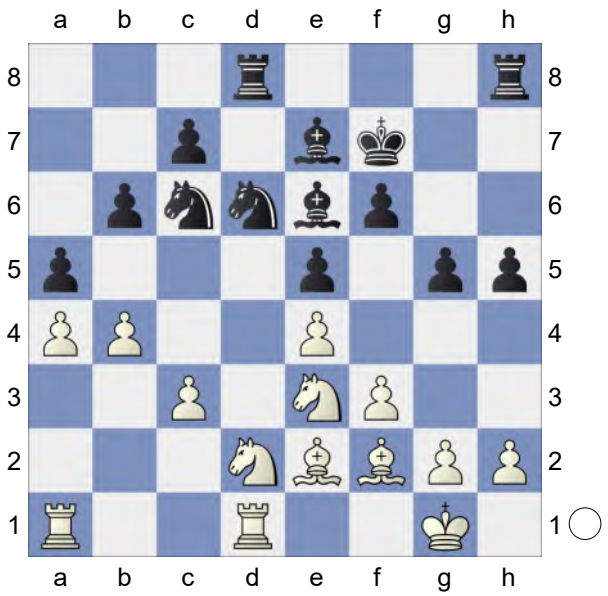
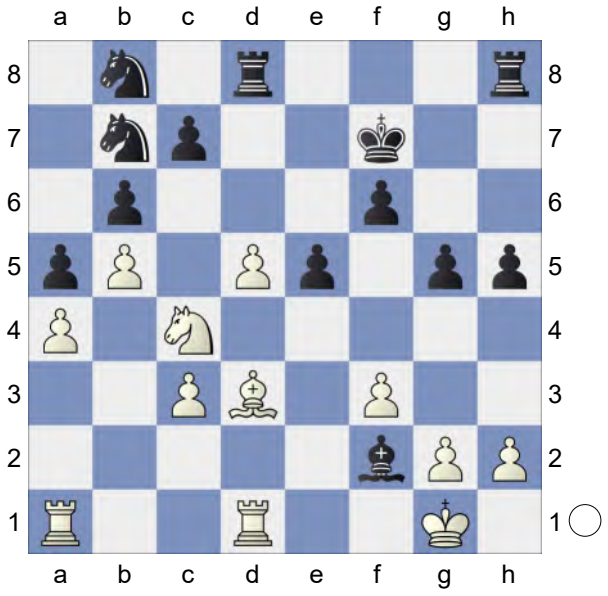
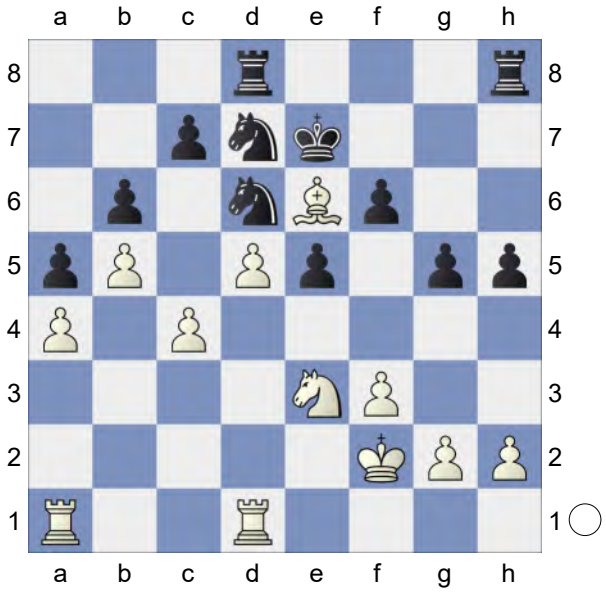


21.b5
[21.Nd5 looks sharper. axb4 22.Nxc7 bxc3 23.Nxe6 Kxe6 24.Nb3]
21...Nb8 22.Nd5 -0.71/20
[22.Ndc4= 0.00/20 remains equal.]
22...Bxd5∓ 23.exd5 Nb7 -0.18/22
[23...Nd7∓ -0.75/20]
24.Bd3 Bc5 25.Nc4 -0.55/20
[25.Bf5= -0.19/22]
25...Bxf2+
[25...Rxd5?! 26.Bg6+ Ke6 27.Bf5+ Kxf5 28.Rxd5±]



26.Kxf2 Nc5 0.61/20
[26...Rxd5 27.Bg6+ Ke6 28.Bf5+ Kxf5 29.Ne3+ *(29.Rxd5 Ke6±)* 29...Ke6 30.Nxd5+-]
[Better is 26...Nd7∓ -0.49/19]
27.Bf5 0.00/20
[27.d6± 0.61/20 Rxd6 28.Nxd6+ cxd6 29.Bf5 Decoy]
27...Nb7!= 28.Ne3 Nd6 0.24/21
Black is weak on the light squares
[28...Nd7∓ -0.35/20]
29.Be6+ Ke7 30.c4 Nd7



31.Bxd7!
[31.Nf5+ Nxf5 32.Bxf5 Nc5]
31...Kxd7 32.Rac1 Nb7 33.Nf5 Nc5 34.Ra1 g4 35.Ke3 -0.46/18
[35.d6= -0.10/22]
35...Rhg8

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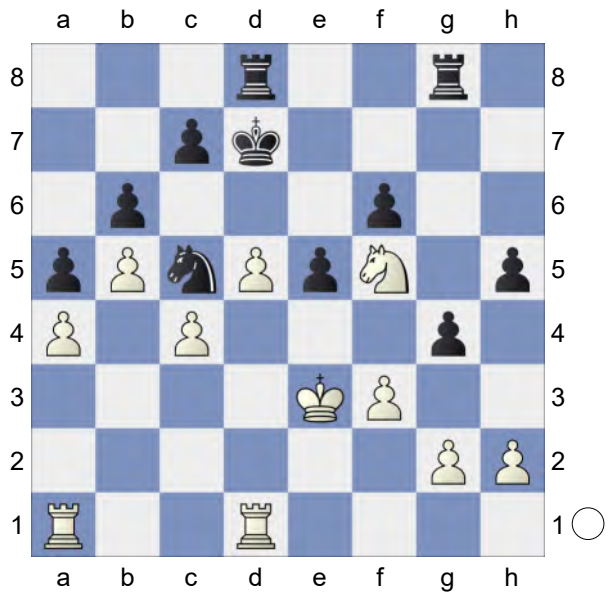
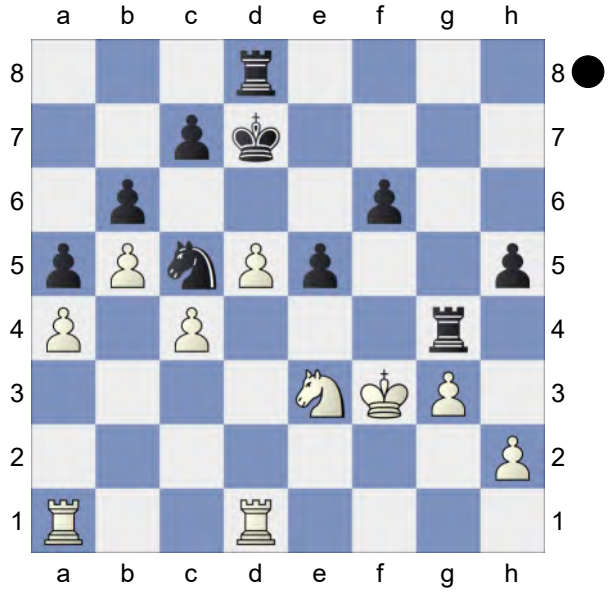


36.g3? -1.80/23
[36.d6!= -0.22/18 and White has nothing to worry.]
36...gxf3-+ and ...Rg5 would now be decisive **37.Kxf3 Rg4** -1.05/19
[⌓37...Rg5 -1.45/21 38.Ne3 e4+ 39.Kf4 Nd3+ 40.Kxe4 Nf2+ 41.Kd4 Re8 *(41...Nxd1 42.Rxd1 h4 43.g4=)*]
38.Ne3∓



Rf4+ 4.16/19
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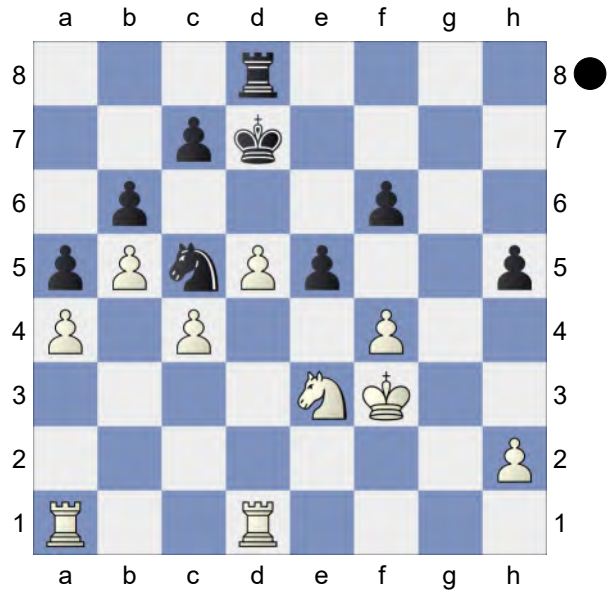
39.gxf4



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81 **A40**
□ **Narayanan,Sri** **2552**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
Titled Tue 24th Oct Early blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 f6 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 Be6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3

g5 18.f4 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024]

4.exd6

[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

4...Bxd6 5.Nbd2N

[5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1 Qxc3+ ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986 20.Kf1 Rxd4 21.Bxd4 Qxd4 22.Rd1 Qf6 23.Qe3 Qc6 24.Bd5 Qa6+ 25.Kg2 Nf6 26.Qc3 Re8 27.Bf3 Ne4 28.Rhe1 Qa4 29.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 30.f3 Bc6 31.Rxe8+ Bxe8 32.Re1 Qd7 33.Qe5 Kd8 34.Re2 Qe6 ½-½ (39) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0223 www.desc-online.de 1999]

5...Nc6

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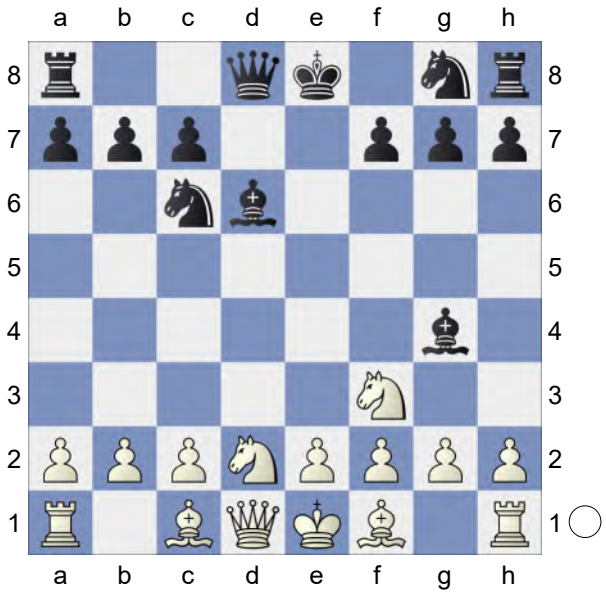


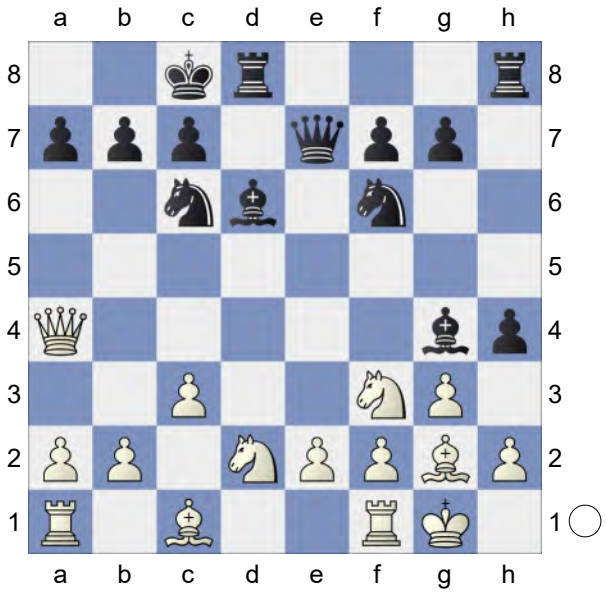
6.g3 0.87/21

[⌓6.Ne4 1.30/17]

6...Qe7± 7.Bg2 0-0-0 8.0-0 White is better. **8...Nf6 9.c3 h5 10.Qa4** 0.10/18

[10.Re1± 1.07/17]

10...h4!=



11.Nc4

[11.Nxh4 is more complex. Rxh4 12.gxh4 Qe5 13.f4]

11...hxg3

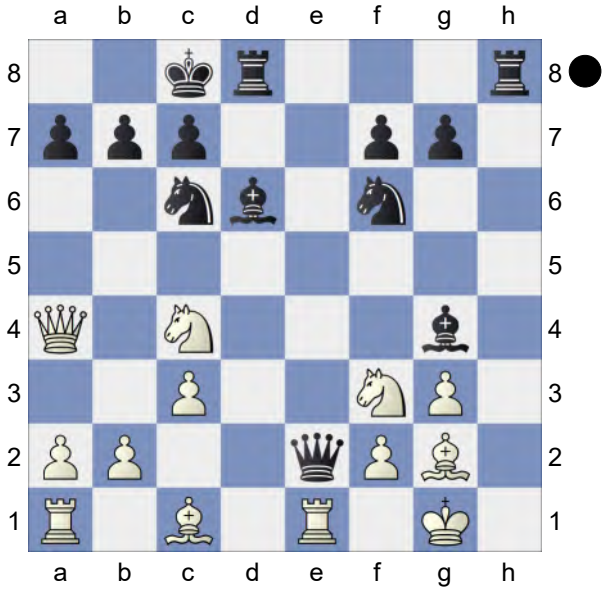
[11...Qxe2? 12.Re1 *(12.Nxh4 Bc5±)* 12...Qd3 13.Nxh4+-]

12.hxg3 Qxe2 0.52/19

[12...Bc5= 0.00/20]

This costs White the game. **13.Re1?** -3.31/20

[13.Ng5± 0.52/19 keeps the upper hand.]



13...Qxf3!-+

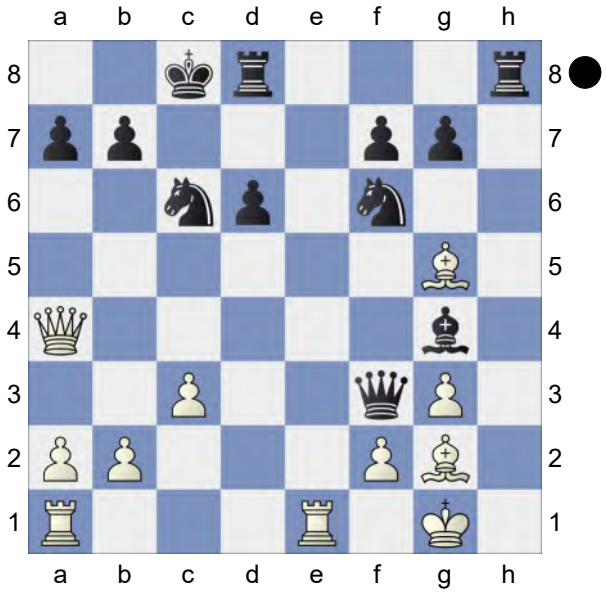
[13...Qd3 14.Be3±]

14.Nxd6+

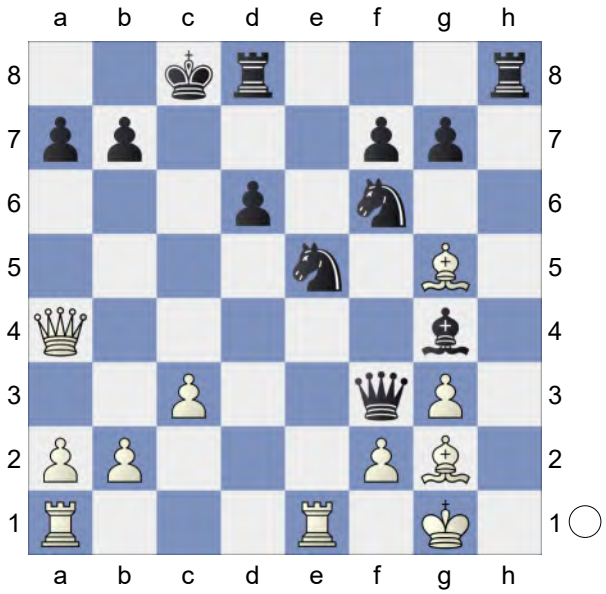
[14.Bxf3 Bxf3 15.Nxd6+ Rxd6-+]

14...cxd6 15.Bg5

[15.Bxf3? Bxf3-+]



15...Ne5!



(-> ...Qxg2+!) **16.Re3**

[16.Bxf3? is the wrong capture. Nxf3+ 17.Kf1 Rh1+ 18.Ke2 *(18.Kg2? Rh2+ 19.Kf1 Nxg5-+)* 18...Nxe1+-+]

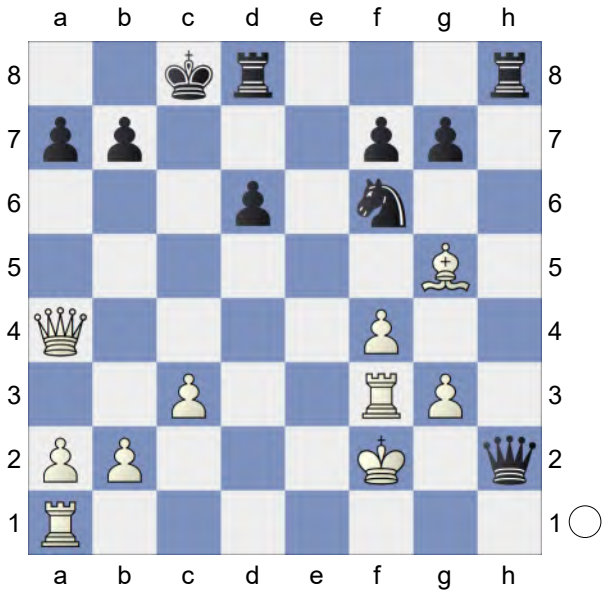
[Not 16.Rxe5 dxe5 17.Bxf3 Bxf3-+]

16...Qf5 17.f4 Nf3+ 18.Bxf3? -6.34/18

[18.Rxf3 -2.33/17 Bxf3 19.Bxf3]

18...Bxf3 19.Rxf3 Qh3 (-> ...Qh2+)

20.Kf2 Qh2+



21.Ke3

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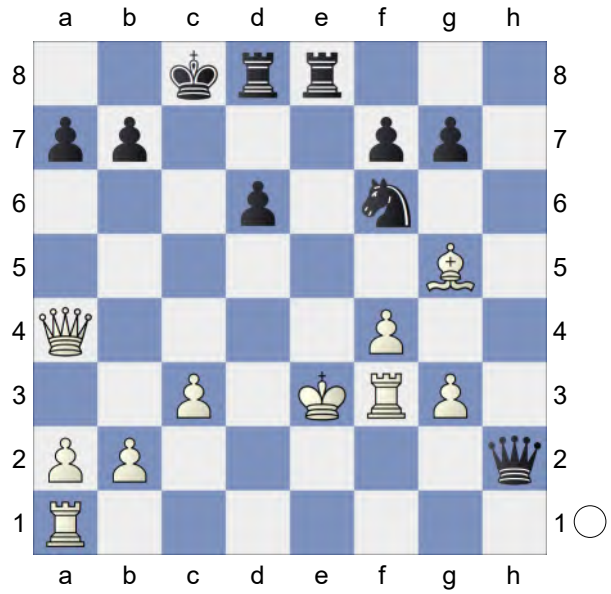
21...Rhe8+



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82 **A40**
□ **Yanchenko,Roman** **2466**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
Titled Tue 27. Aug Early (8) 27.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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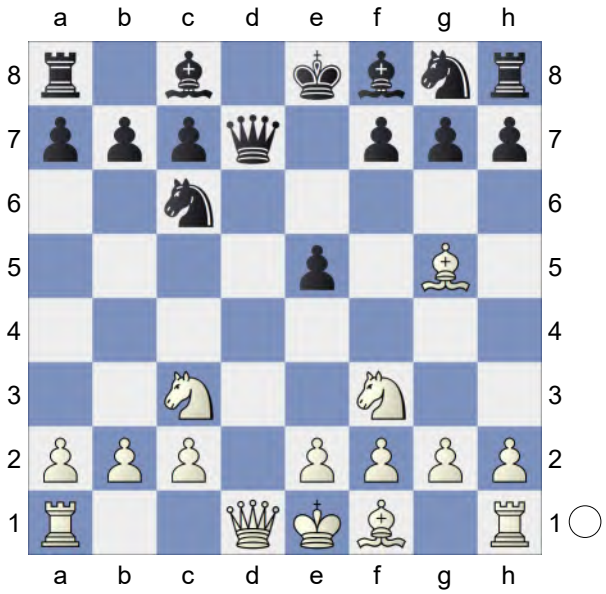
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.Nc3N**

[5.Bf4 Qf5 6.Bg3 dxe5 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.e3 Nf6 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Nxe5 Rd8 12.Qe2 Bxg2 13.Rg1 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Bd5 15.f3 Nh5 16.e4 Nxg3 17.exf5 Nxe2 18.Kxe2 f6 19.Nd3 Kf7 0-1 (26) Ykrup (2625)-Sacthequenn (2439) Blitz 2024]

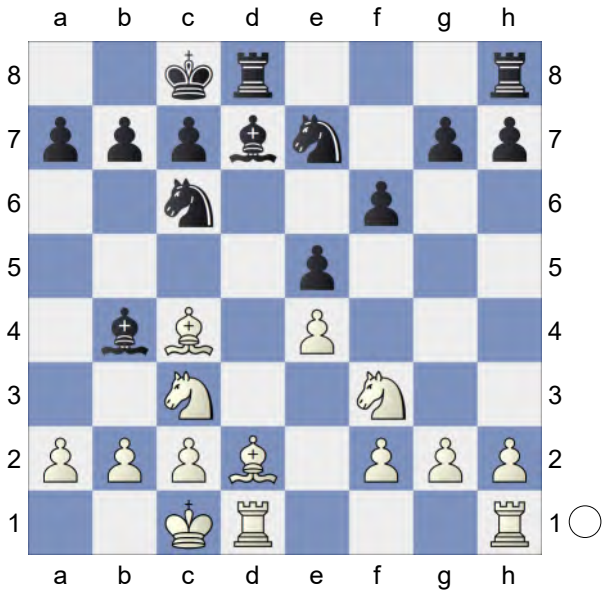
[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 *(6.Nc3 h6 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.Nb5 Nf5 9.Nxd6+ Nxd6 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Qxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Rhe8 15.e3 Ne5 16.f3 f5 17.e4 Re7 18.Re1 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rde8 20.Bd3 Nxd3+* 1-0 (69) The Magnificent Bob (2994)-Hoon (2842) Rapid 2024*)* 6...h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ng4 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

5...dxe5

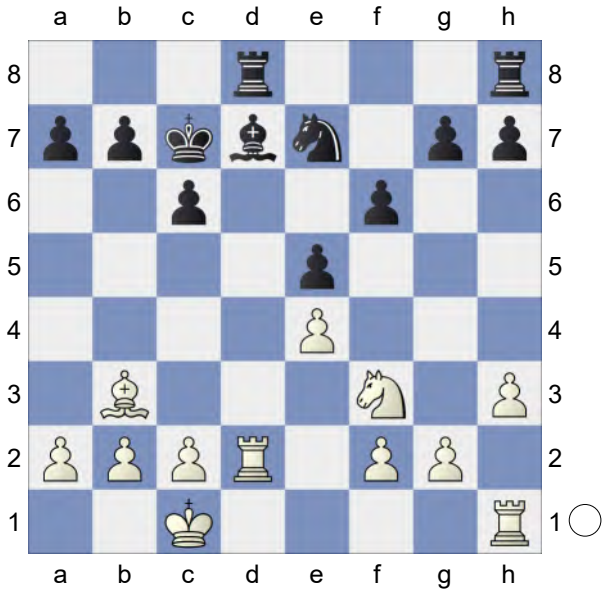


6.Qxd7+ Bxd7 7.e4 Bb4 8.Bd2 The position is equal. **8...Nge7 9.0-0-0 0-0-0 10.Bc4 f6**

(Diagram)

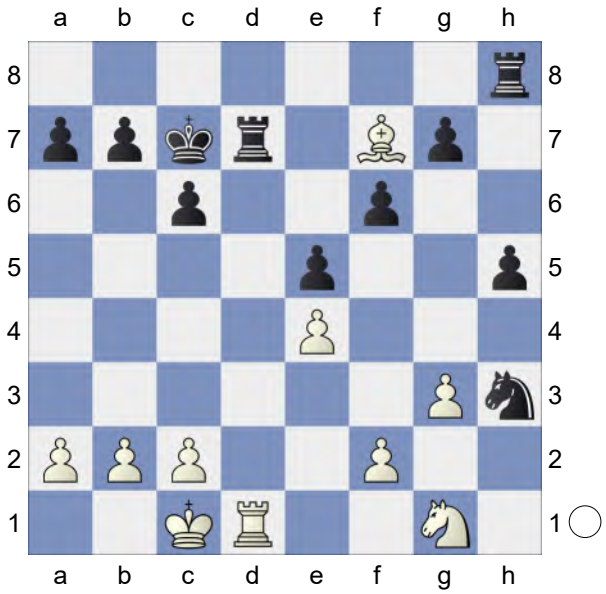


11.Nd5 Bxd2+ 12.Rxd2 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Ne7 14.h3 c6 15.Bb3 Kc7

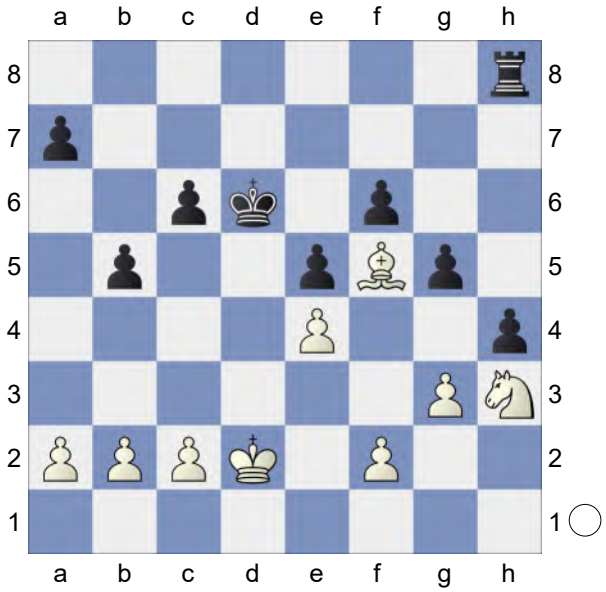


16.Rhd1 Ng6 17.Ng1 h5 18.Bf7 Nf4 19.g3 Nxh3 20.Rxd7+ Remove Defender **20...Rxd7**

(Diagram)

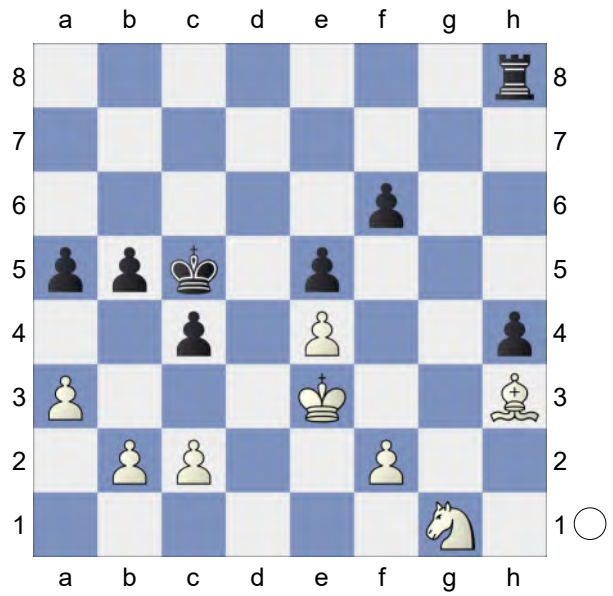


21.Rxd7+ Kxd7 22.Nxh3 g5 23.Kd2 h4 Black has compensation. **24.Bg6 Kd6 25.Bf5 b5**

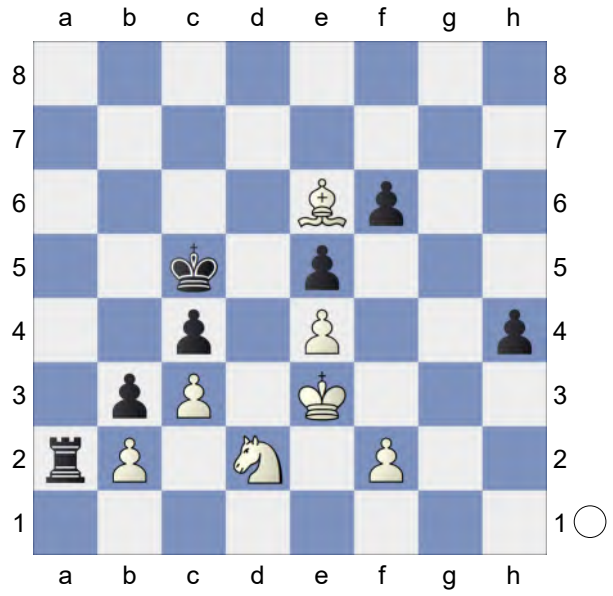


26.Ke3 a5 27.a3 c5 28.gxh4 gxh4 29.Ng1! c4 30.Bh3 Kc5

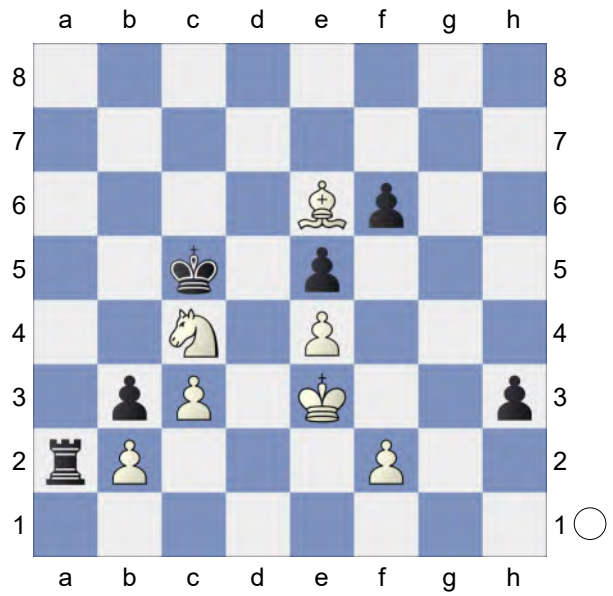
(Diagram)



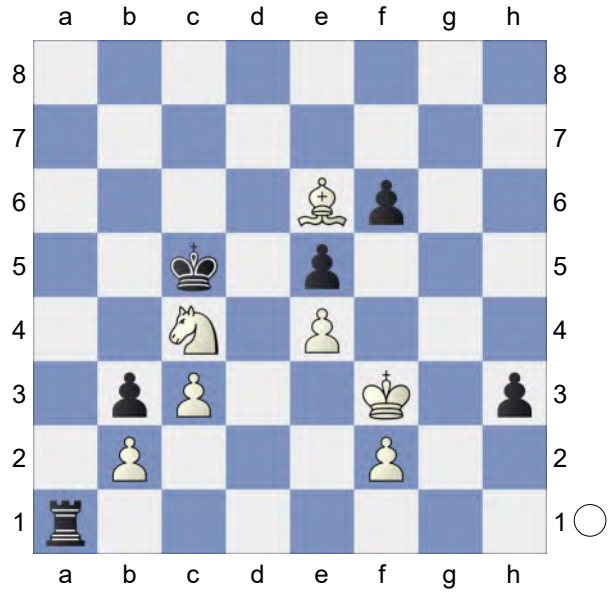
31.c3 -0.96/27
[31.Nf3= 0.00/29 keeps the balance.]
31...b4 -0.24/26
[31...Rd8∓ -0.96/27 32.Ke2 b4 33.axb4+ axb4]
32.axb4+ axb4 33.Nf3 b3 -0.18/23
[Black should play 33...Ra8∓ -0.90/23 aiming for ...b3. 34.cxb4+ *(34.Nxh4? Rh8-+)* 34...Kxb4]
34.Nd2= Ra8 35.Be6 Ra2



36.Nxc4 Kf3 would now be deadly.
36...h3? 3.13/29
(Diagram)

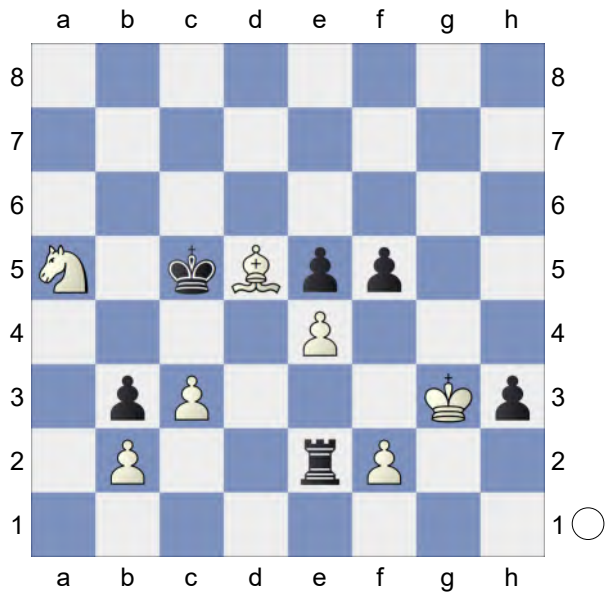


37.Kf3!+- Ra1



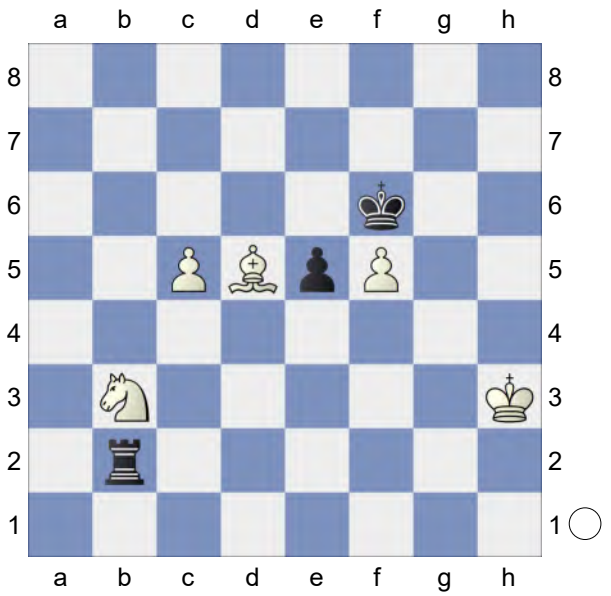
38.Kg3 Re1 39.Bd5
[39.Ne3 Rb1±]
39...Re2 40.Na5 1.56/20
[40.Kxh3+- 3.01/24 Rxf2 41.Kg3]
40...f5 2.26/25
[40...Rxb2± 1.56/20 was called for. 41.Nxb3+ Kb6 42.Kxh3 Rxf2]

(Diagram)

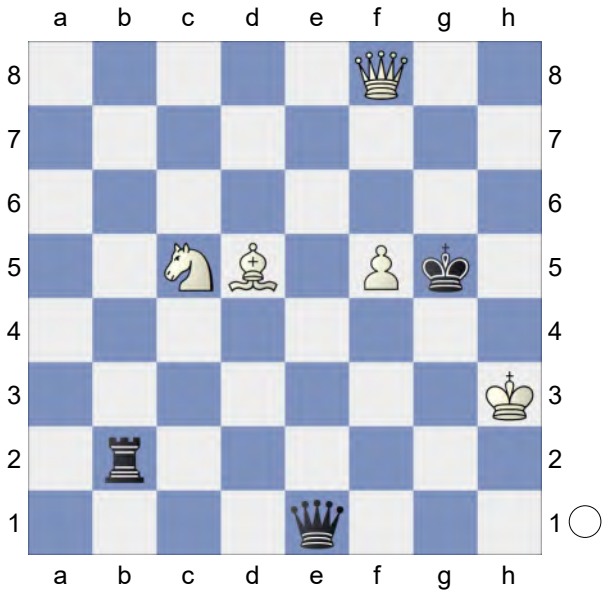


41.Nxb3+? 0.59/19
[White should play 41.Nb7++- 2.26/25 Kb6 42.exf5 *(42.Kxh3 fxe4 43.Kg3 Rxb2∓)*]
41...Kd6± 42.Kxh3 0.00/21
[42.Na5!± 0.59/22 fxe4 43.Bg8]
42...Rxf2? 2.69/23
[42...fxe4= 0.00/21 and Black is okay. 43.Bb7 Rxb2]
43.c4? 0.00/22
[43.Na5+- 2.69/23]
43...Rxb2? 2.31/26
[43...Rf3+? 44.Kg2 Rxb3 45.c5+ *(45.exf5 Rxb2+ 46.Kf3 Rb1∓)* 45...Kxc5 46.Bxb3+-]
[43...fxe4!= 0.00/22 44.Bxe4 Re2 45.c5+ Kc7]
44.c5++- Ke7 45.exf5 Kf6? 5.26/21
[45...e4 2.47/21 46.Kg3 e3]

(Diagram)

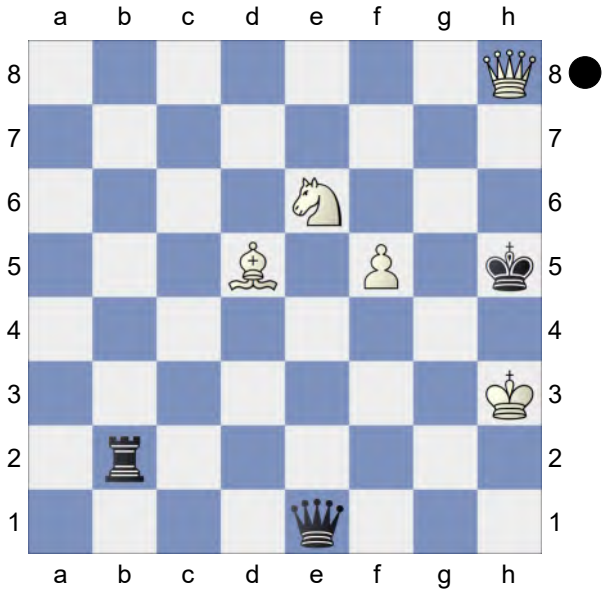


46.c6 e4 47.Nc5? 0.46/15
[Only move: 47.Nd4+- 5.95/19 Rb8 48.c7 *(48.Bxe4 Ke5=)* 48...Rh8+ 49.Kg2]
47...e3? 18.79/25
[47...Rc2± 0.46/15]
48.c7 e2 49.c8Q White wants to mate with Nd7+.
[49.c8B? loses. e1Q *(49...e1R 50.Kg4=)* 50.Ne4+ Ke5-+]
49...e1Q 50.Qf8+ Kg5



51.Ne6+ Kh5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/

Black=0.65
52.Qh8#



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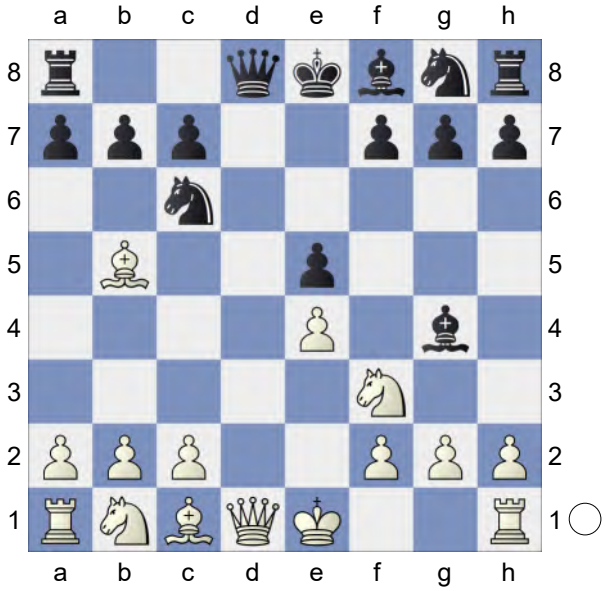
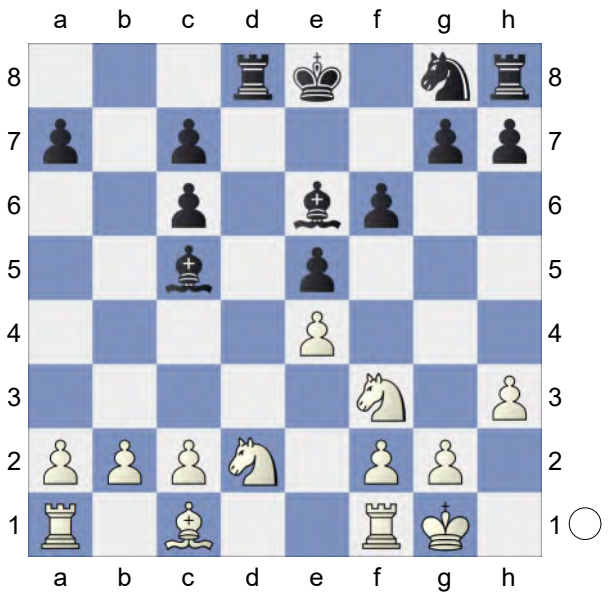
83 **A40**
□ **Tristan,Leonardo** **2526**
■ **Lana Rodriguez,D** **2382**
Titled Tue 4th Jul Early blitz (9) 04.07.23
[Kitty Kat]

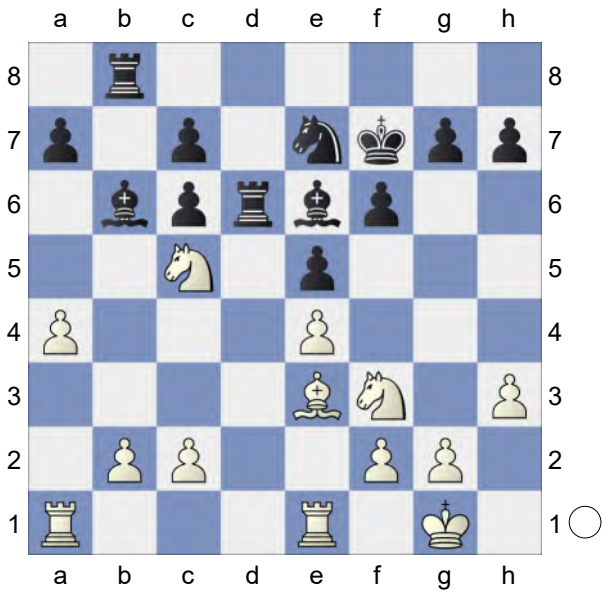
C41: Philidor Defence
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4N
[4.Bf4 f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]
[4.Bg5
A) 4...Be7 5.Bxe7 Ngxe7 *(5...Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Rxb7* 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998*)* 6.exd6 cxd6 7.c3 0-0 8.e3 Be6 9.Be2 Qb6 10.Qc2 Bf5 11.Qb3 Qxb3 12.axb3 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023;
B) 4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bg4 5.Bb5 dxe5



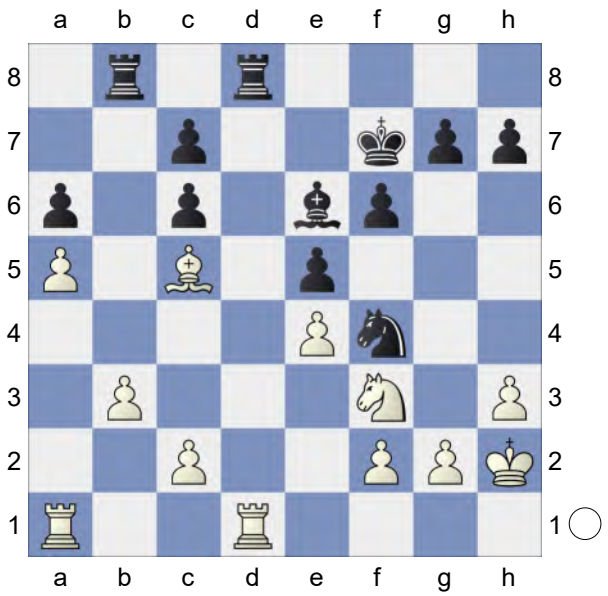
6.Qxd8+ Rxd8 7.Nbd2
[7.Nxe5? Rd1#]
7...f6 8.Bxc6+ White is slightly better.
8...bxc6 9.h3 0.09/21
[9.Nb3± 0.55/20]
9...Be6= 10.0-0 -0.22/20
[10.Nb3± 0.31/18]
10...Bc5



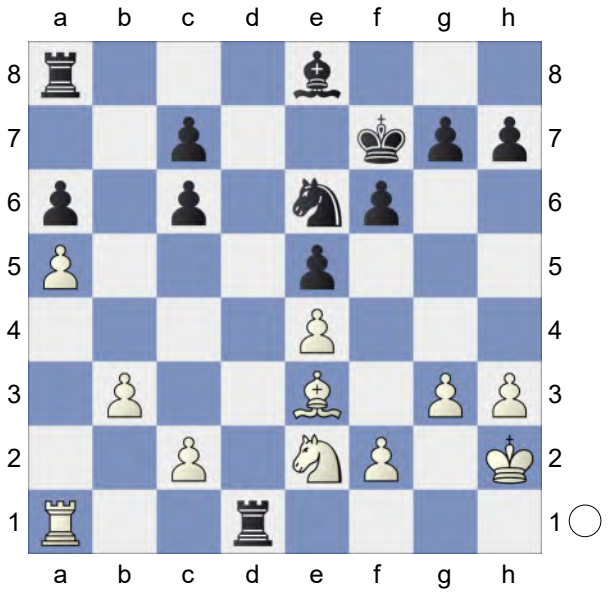
11.Re1 Ne7 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Be3 Kf7 0.22/20
[⌓13...Rb8 -0.19/19]
14.Nc5 Rd6 15.a4 Rb8



16.a5 Bxc5 17.Bxc5 Rdd8 18.b3 a6 0.87/23
[18...Rb5± 0.31/21 19.b4 *(19.Bxa7 Ra8=)* 19...a6]
19.Red1 0.25/24
[White should play 19.Re3!± 0.87/23]
19...Ng6 20.Kh2 -0.18/23
[⌓20.Rxd8 0.28/23 Rxd8 21.Be3]
20...Nf4



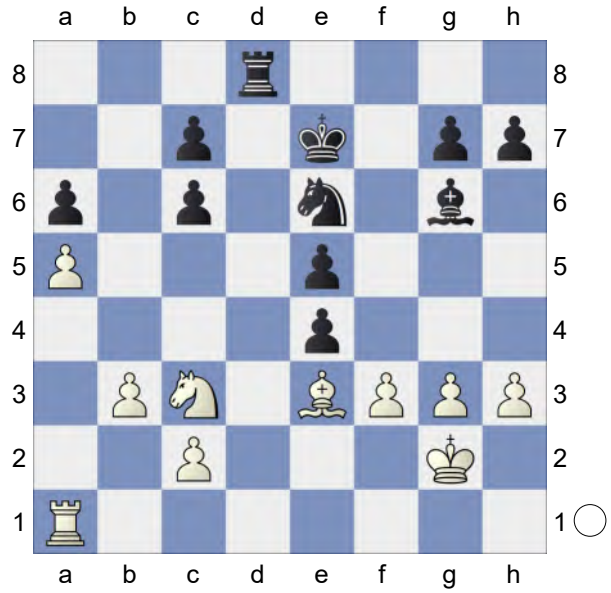
21.Ng1 Bd7 22.g3 -0.87/21
[22.Ba7= -0.06/22 keeps the balance. Rb4 23.f3]
22...Ne6∓ 23.Ba7 Ra8 -0.60/18
[23...Rb4-+ -1.62/20 24.Be3 Rxe4]
24.Be3∓ Be8 -0.12/23
[24...c5∓ -0.60/18]
25.Ne2 Rxd1



26.Rxd1 Rd8 0.33/21
[26...c5= -0.30/20]
27.Ra1 -0.66/18
[27.Rxd8± 0.33/21 Nxd8 28.Kg1]
27...Ke7 -0.21/20

[27...c5!∓ -0.66/18
is more appropriate.]

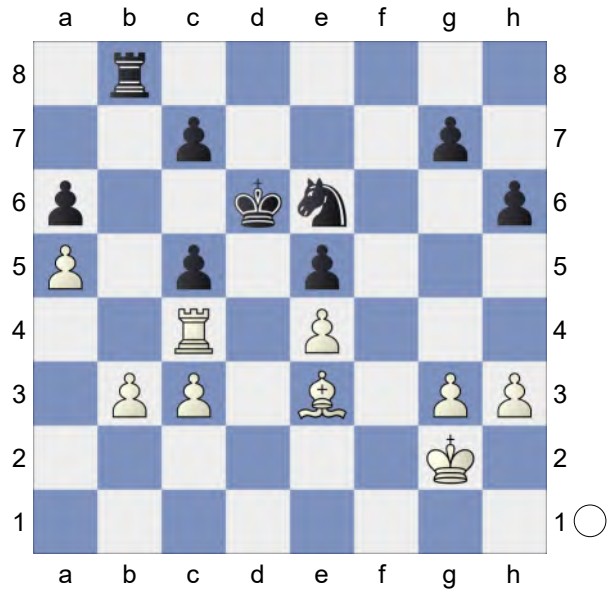
28.Kg2= Bg6 29.f3 f5 30.Nc3 fxe4



31.Nxe4 Bxe4 32.fxe4 Endgame KRB-KRN **32...h6 33.Ra4 c5 34.Rc4 Kd6 35.c3?** -1.87/24

[35.h4= 0.00/23]

35...Rb8-+



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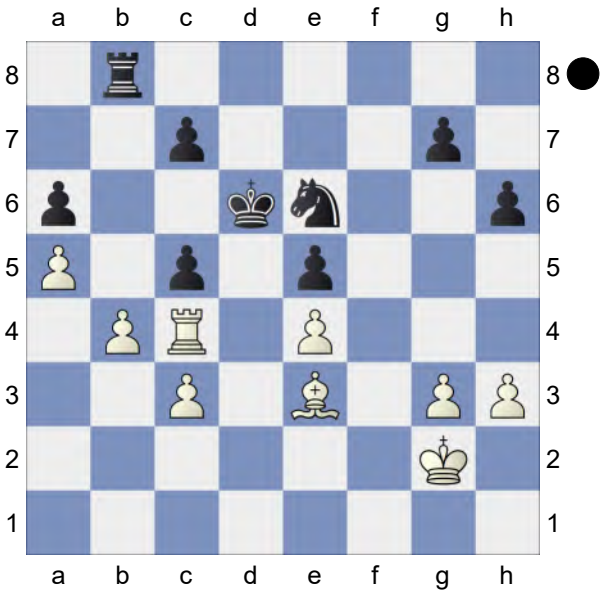
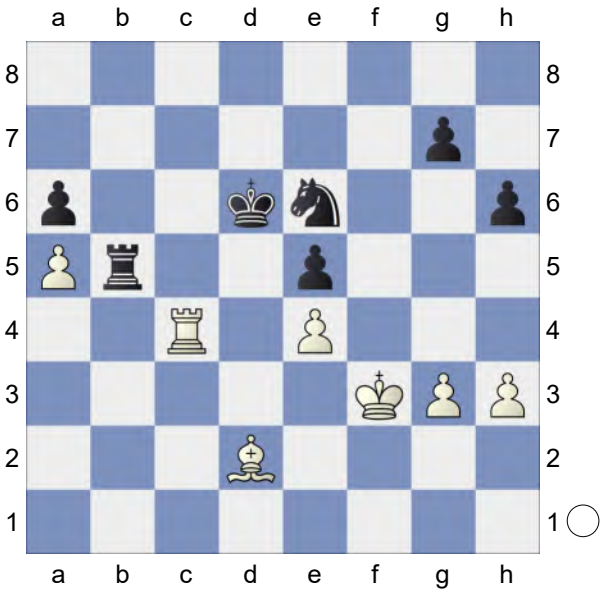


cxb4 -0.04/23

[Black should try 36...Kc6!∓ -0.94/23
And now ...Kb5 would win. 37.bxc5
(37.Bxc5? is the wrong capture.
Kb5-+ Trapped Piece) 37...Rb3
(37...Rb5? 38.Kf3∓)]

37.cxb4= Rb5 38.Kf3 c5 39.bxc5+ Nxc5 40.Bd2 Ne6



41.Bb4+ Kd7 42.Kg4 g6 43.Bc3 Rc5 44.Rxc5 Nxc5 45.Bxe5 and Kf3 should not be overlooked **45...Nxe4**

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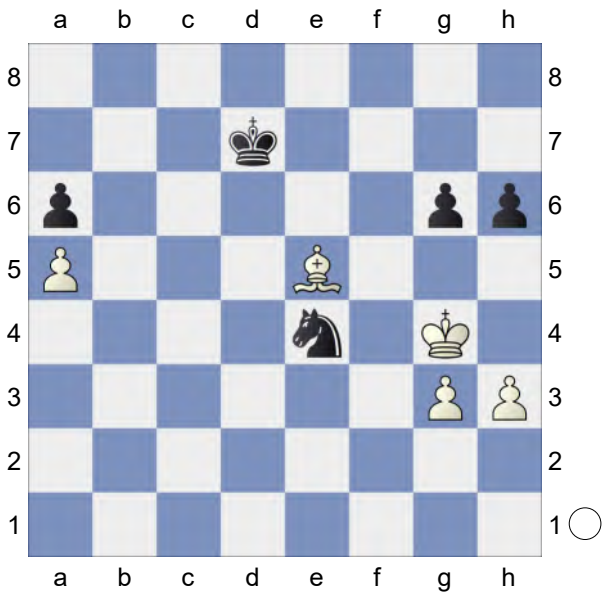
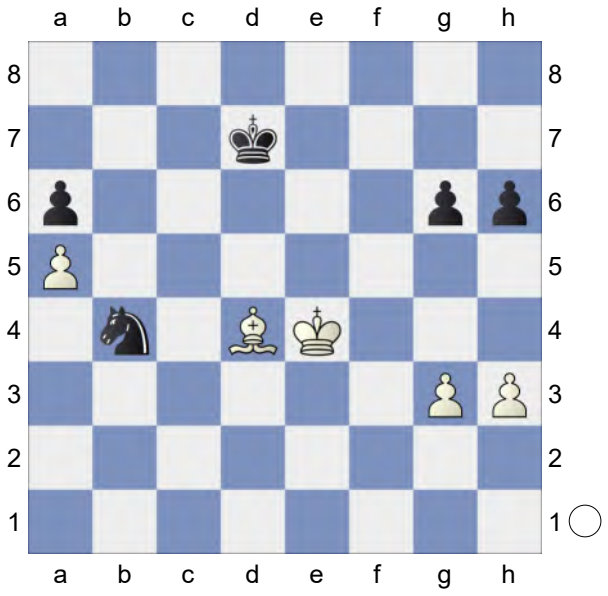


KB-KN **46.Kf4 Nf2 47.Bd4 Nd3+** 0.84/30
[47...Nxh3+= -0.01/29 48.Ke5 Ke7]
48.Ke4± Nb4 2.73/28
[48...Nc1± 0.87/24]



49.Bc5? 0.00/32
[49.Bc3!+- 2.73/28 Nc6 50.Kd5]
49...Nc6= 50.Bf8 Nxa5

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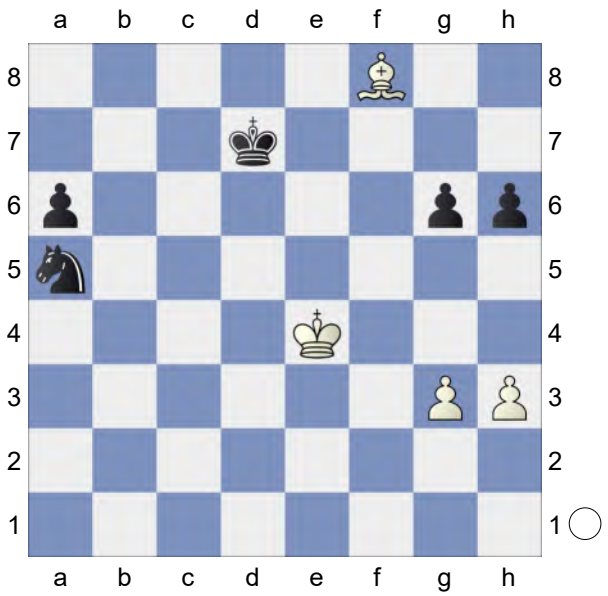
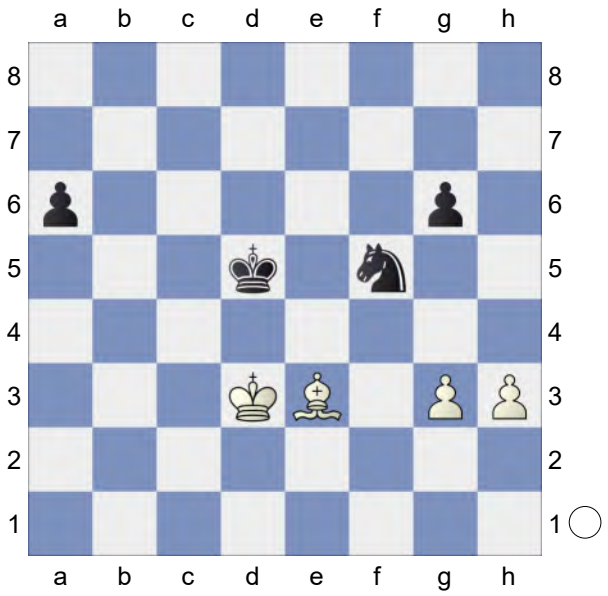


51.Bxh6 Ke6 52.Be3 Nb7 53.Bd4 Nd6+ 54.Kd3 Kd5 55.Be3 Nf5



56.Bf2 Nd6 57.g4 Ne4 58.Be1 Nc5+ 59.Ke3 Ke5 60.Bg3+ Kd5

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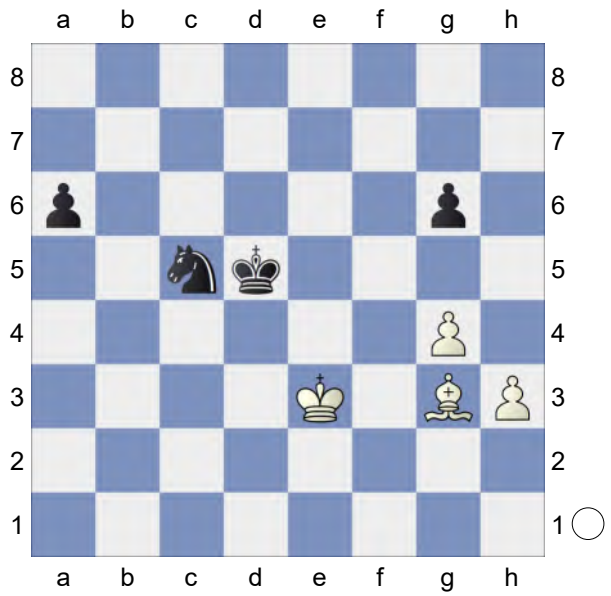
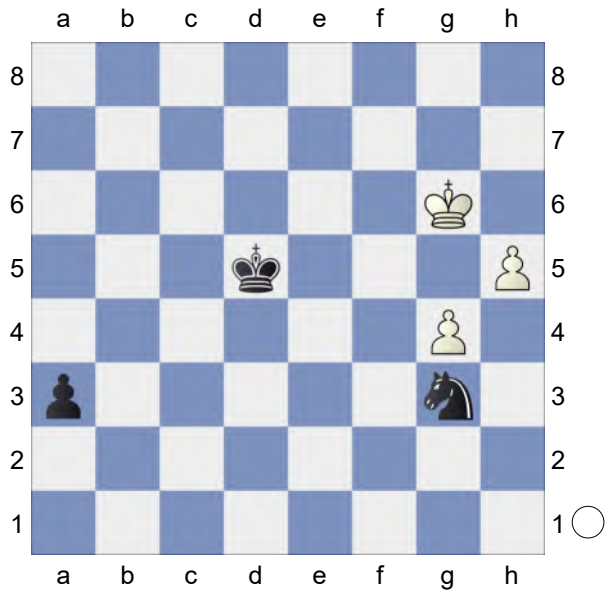


61.Kf4 a5 62.Kg5? -12.69/19
[62.Bh4= -0.01/21]
62...Ne4+-+ 63.Kxg6 Nxg3 KN-KPP
64.h4 a4 Black mates. **65.h5 a3**



66.h6 a2 67.g5 a1Q
[Stronger than 67...a1B 68.Kf7=]
68.Kh7 Qa7+ 69.Kh8 Qb8+ 70.Kh7 Qc7+

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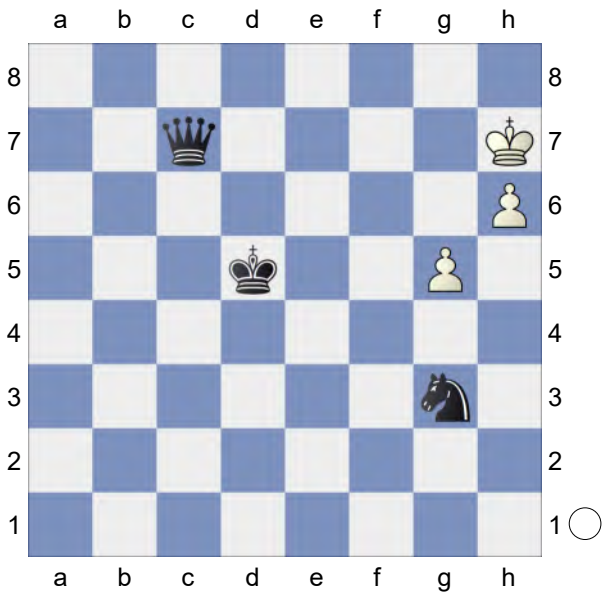

71.Kh8 Qd8+ 72.Kh7 Qxg5 73.Kh8 Nf5 74.h7 Quite a comeback for Black.
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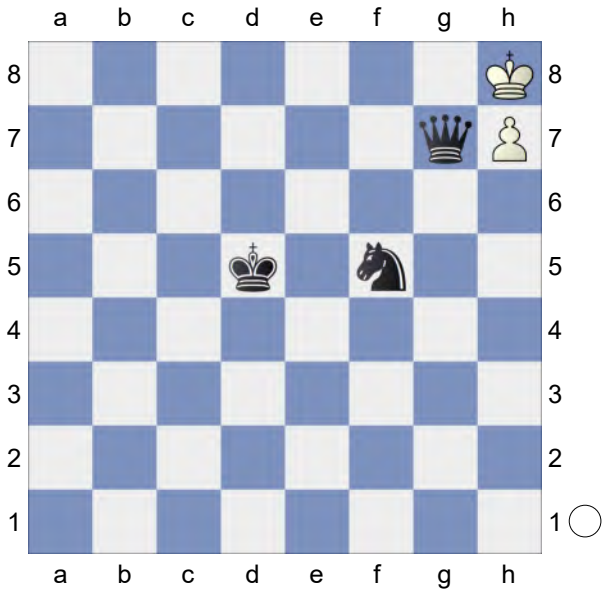
74...Qg7#



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84 **A40**
□ **Hayrapetyan,Hovik** **2446**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
Titled Tue 24th Oct Early blitz (8) 24.10.23
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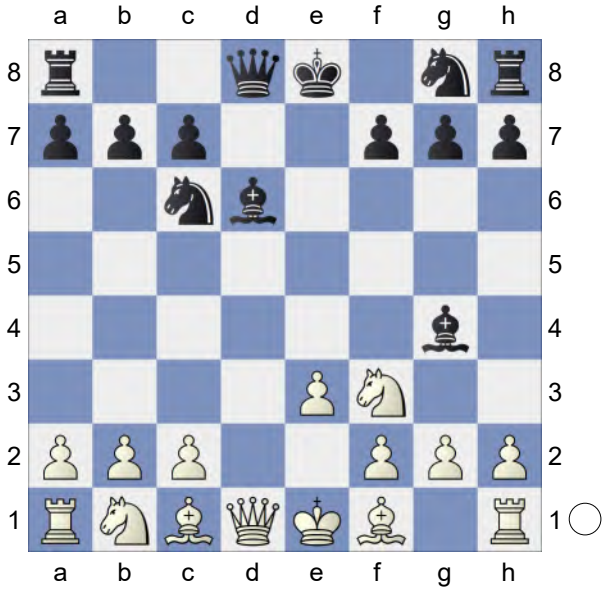
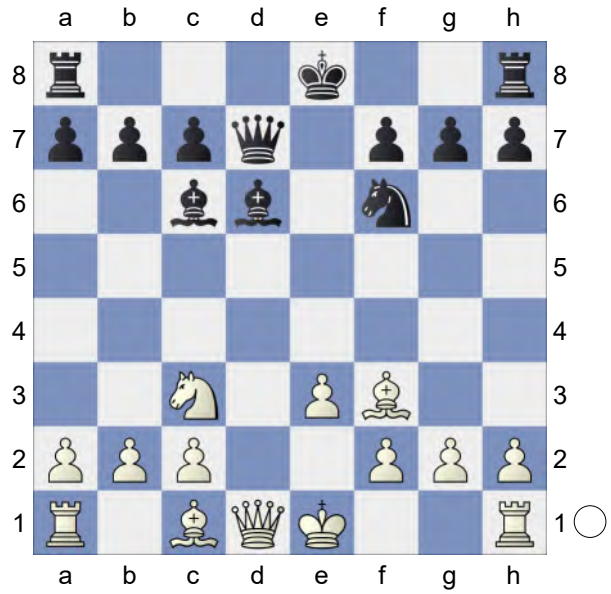
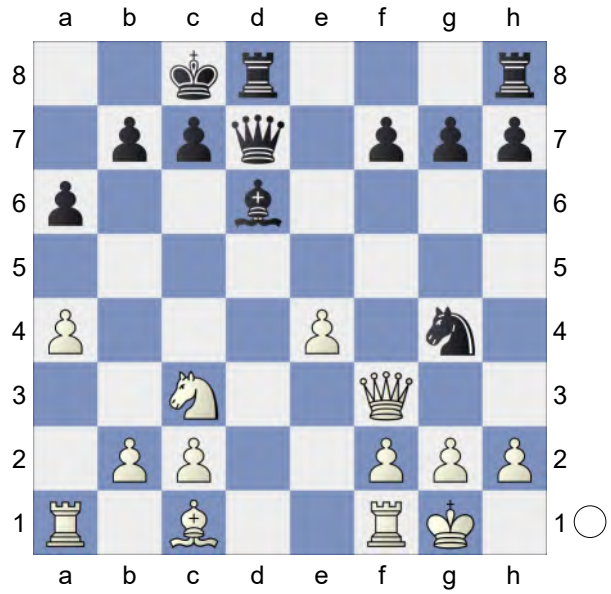
3...Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.e3N
[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 19.Rd6 Be6 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998 20.Bc4 Rcd8 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.Rxd8+ Nxd8 23.Rd1 Rb6+ 24.Kc1 Bb2+ 25.Kd2 Bf6 26.Bc7 Ra6 27.Bxd8 Bxd8 28.Kc1 Bf6 29.Rd7 Rxa2 30.Rxb7 Ra4 31.Nd2 Bc3 32.Rb3 Ra1+ 33.Nb1 Be1 34.Kb2 Ra5 ½-½ (54) Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) V0041 www.desc-online.de 1999]
[5.e4 Bg4 6.Be2 Qe7 7.Nc3 0-0-0 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.0-0 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Qxe4 11.Bd3 Bxf3 12.Bxe4 Bxd1 13.Raxd1 Ne5 14.Bc3 g6 15.f4 Nc4 16.Bxh8 Rxh8 17.Rfe1 Rd8 18.b3 Nb6 19.c4 Re8 1-0 (32) Bashirli,S (1986)-Nevska,G (1863) Swiss Queens Wed #44 blitz 2024 (11)]
5...Bg4 1.14/19
[5...Nf6 0.75/19]



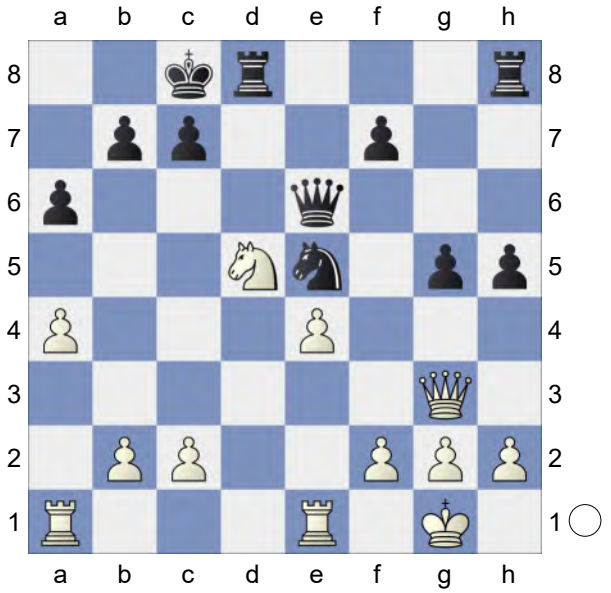
6.Be2 Qe7 7.Nd4 Bd7 8.Nc3 0.58/18
[8.Nd2± 1.06/19]
8...Nf6 9.Nxc6 0.32/17
[9.0-0± 0.71/18]
9...Bxc6± 10.Bf3
[10.Bb5!?]
10...Qd7 0.93/21
[10...Ne4= 0.24/19 remains equal.]



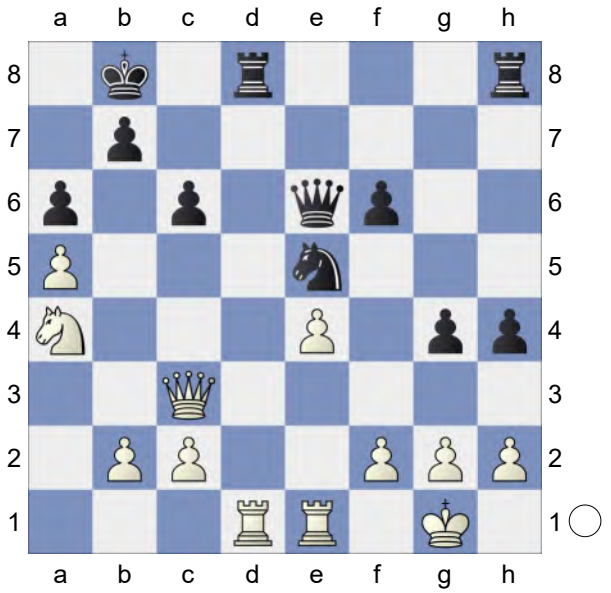
11.Bxc6± Qxc6 12.Qf3 Qd7 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.a4? -0.49/17
[14.Rd1± 1.17/19]
14...a6 0.82/20
[14...Ng4!∓ -0.49/17 keeps the upper hand. 15.g3 h5]
15.e4 Ng4 1.24/20
[Black should play 15...Qg4 0.73/19]



16.Bf4! Bxf4 1.79/20
[16...Ne5± 1.09/17 keeps fighting. 17.Qe2 Kb8]
17.Qxf4+- g5 3.19/21
[⌓17...Qe6 1.74/18 18.Rad1 Nf6]
18.Qg3 Qe6 19.Rfe1 h5 20.Nd5 Ne5



21.Qc3
[21.Qxg5? Nf3+ 22.gxf3 Rhg8∓]
21...c6 22.Rad1 Kb8 23.Nb6 0.89/23
[23.h3+- 1.65/20]
23...f6 24.a5 g4 25.Na4 h4



26.Nc5 Qe7 27.Qb4 Ka8

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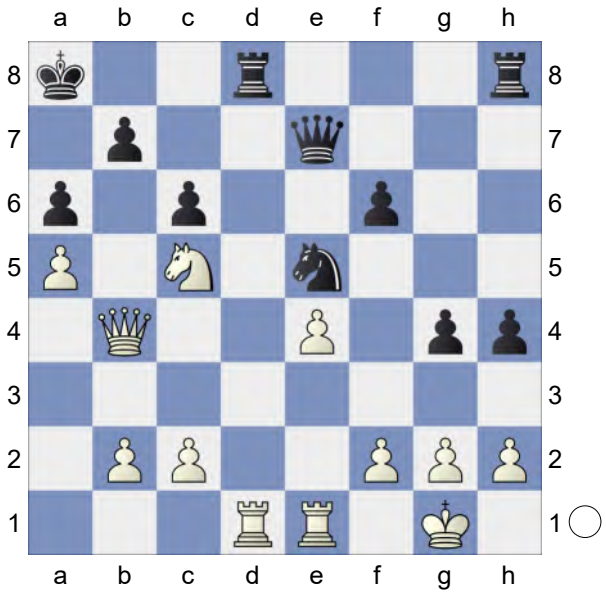
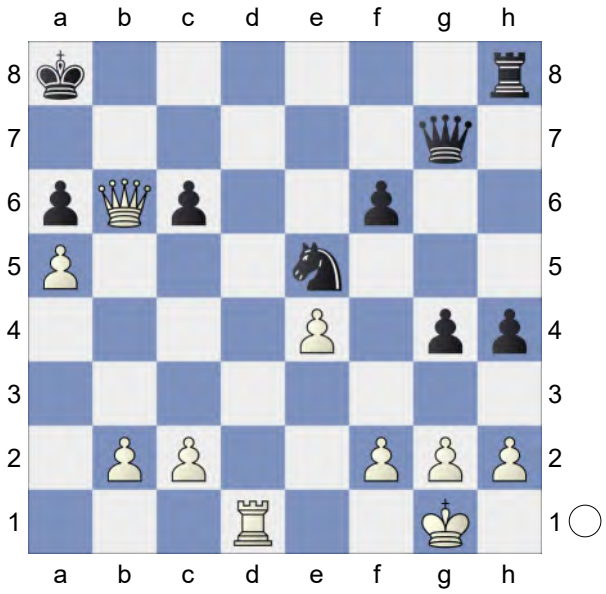
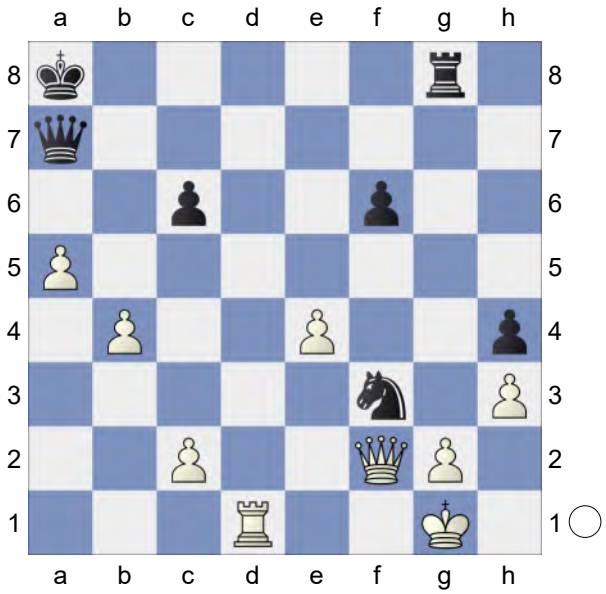


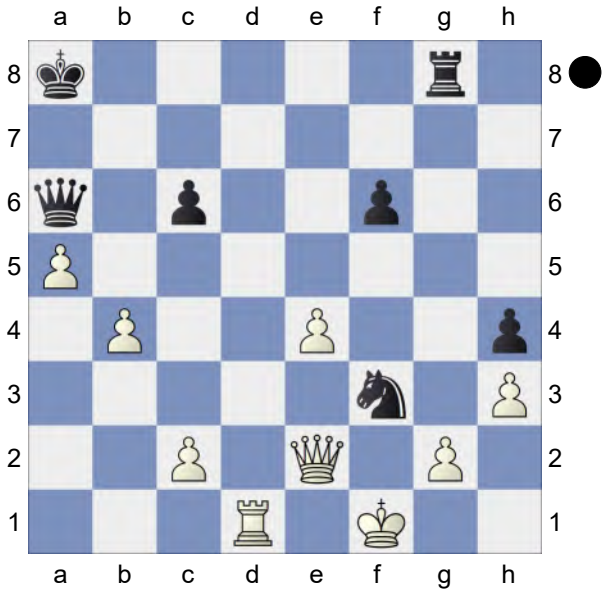
28.Nxa6! Discovered Attack **28...Qg7**
29.Qb6? -0.61/20
[White should try 29.Rxd8+!± 1.13/22 Rxd8 30.Qb6 *(30.Nc5 Nf3+ 31.Kf1 Nxe1=)*]
29...Rxd1∓ 30.Rxd1 bxa6



31.Qxa6+ Qa7 32.Qe2 -2.35/19
[32.Qxa7+∓ -0.88/19 Kxa7 33.Rd6]
32...g3 -1.03/18
[32...Qxa5-+ -2.35/19 33.h3 gxh3 34.gxh3 Rd8]
33.b4∓ Rg8 Black is much more active.
34.h3 Repels Ng4 **34...gxf2+ 35.Qxf2 Nf3+**



36.Kf1 Qa6+ 37.Qe2



Nh2+! 38.Ke1 Qxe2+ 39.Kxe2 Rxg2+∓ Endgame KRN-KR **40.Kd3** -1.71/21
[40.Ke3∓ -0.91/21 was forced.]
40...Rg3+? 0.00/25
[40...Nf3-+ -1.71/21 41.Kc3 Ne5]

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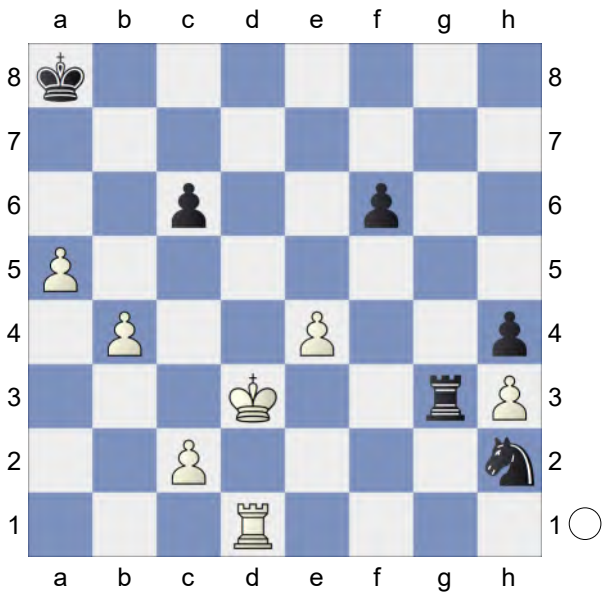
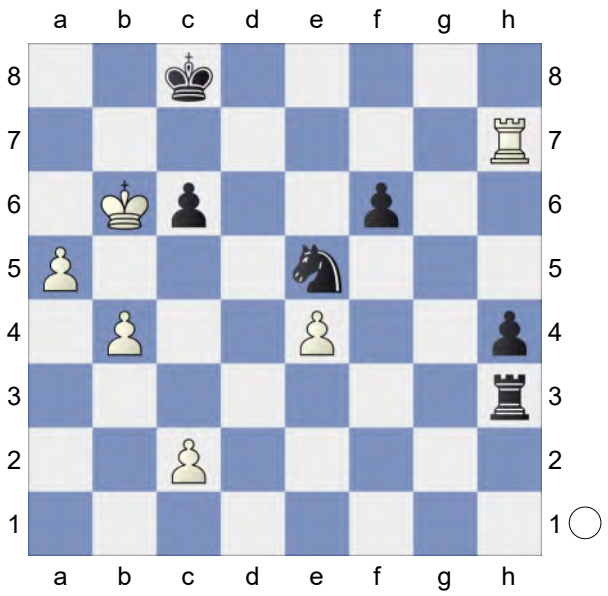
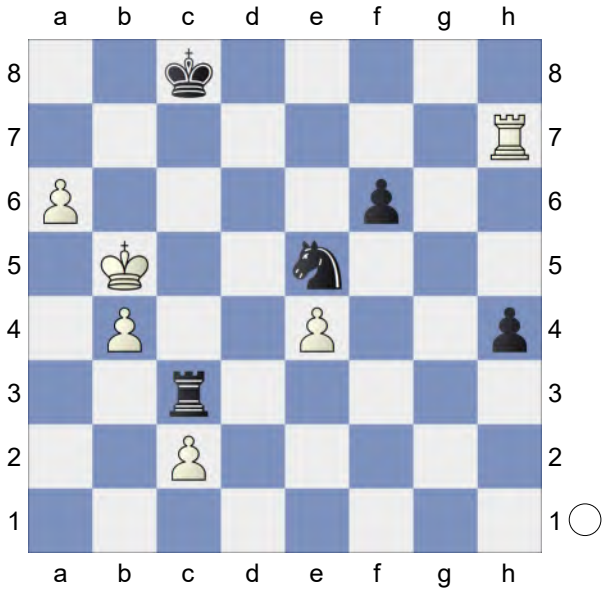


41.Kc4= Rxh3
[41...Nf3!? 42.Rd8+□ Ka7 43.Rd7+ Ka6-+]
42.Rd7 Ng4 43.Kc5 Ne5
[43...Rc3+ 44.Kb6]
44.Rh7 Kb8 45.Kb6 Kc8? 4.54/23
[45...Nc4+!= 0.01/20 46.Kxc6 Rc3]



46.a6 Nd7+
[46...Ra3 47.Rh8+ *(47.Rxh4? Nd7+ 48.Kxc6 Rxa6+ 49.Kd5 Rb6-+)* 47...Kd7 48.a7 *(48.Rxh4 Nc4+ 49.Kc5 Ne5=)* 48...Nc4+ 49.Kc5+-]
47.Kxc6 Rc3+ 5.79/22
[⌓47...Nb8+ 3.95/22 48.Kb6 Nxa6 49.Rh8+ *(49.Kxa6 Ra3+ 50.Kb6 Rc3±)* 49...Kd7 50.Kxa6 Rc3]
48.Kb5? 0.19/18
[48.Kd6+- 5.79/22 Rh8+ would kill now. Kb8 49.Rxd7 *(49.Kxd7? Rc7+* Skewer *50.Ke6 Rxh7-+)*]
48...Ne5? 5.73/21
[48...Kc7!= 0.19/18 and Black has nothing to worry.]



49.a7? 0.02/22
[49.Rxh4 Nf7=]
[White must play 49.Rh8+!+- 5.73/21 Kd7 *(49...Kc7? 50.a7+-)* 50.a7 *(50.Rxh4 Rxc2 51.a7 Rc8±)*]
49...Ra3 50.Kb6
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50...Nd7+

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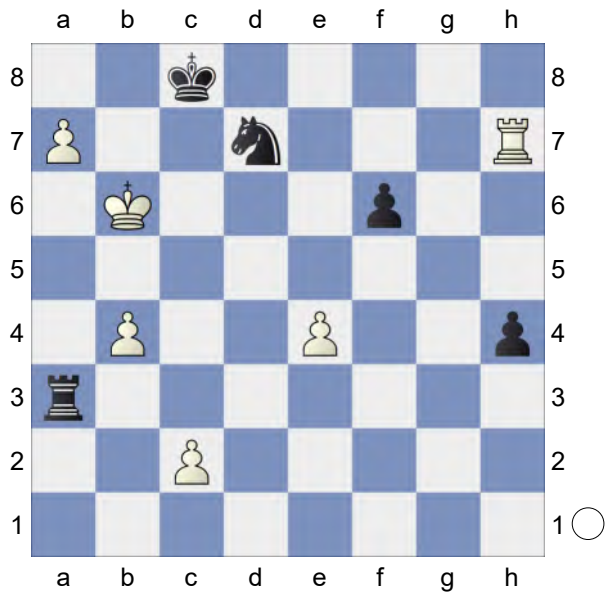

51.Kc6⇄ White is not holding back
[51.Kb5 Rxa7 52.Rxh4 Rb7+ 53.Ka4]
51...Ne5+
[51...Rxa7 52.Rh8+]
[51...Ra6+ simplifies 52.Kb5 Rxa7 53.Rxh4 Rb7+]
52.Kd5 Nd7
[52...h3 keeps more tension. 53.b5 Ra5 54.c4 h2]
53.a8Q+
[53.Rh8+ Kc7 54.Rxh4 *(54.a8N+ Rxa8 55.Rxh4 Rb8-+)* 54...Rxa7∓]
53...Rxa8 54.Rxh4 Kc7 55.c4 Re8

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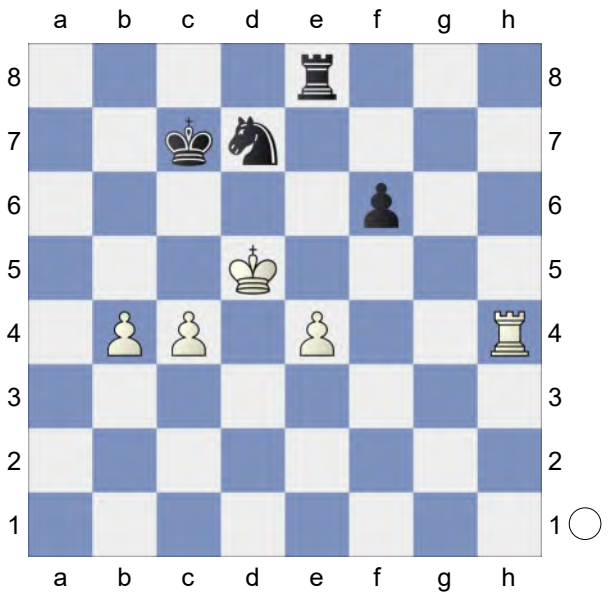

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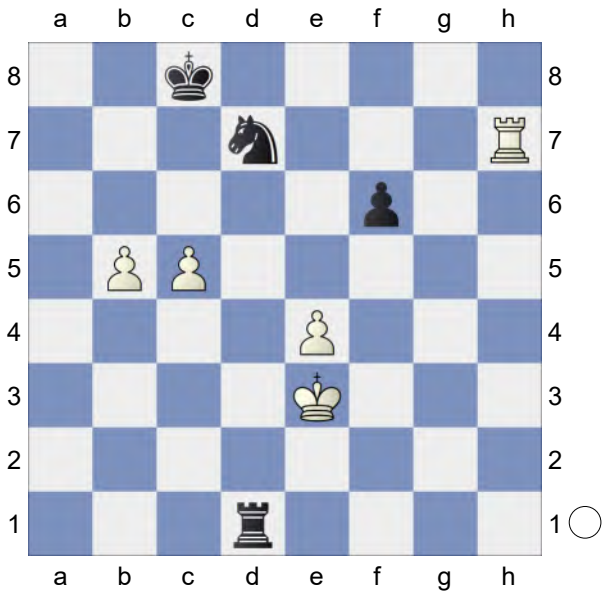

61.Rh8+ Kc7 62.Rh7 Hoping for c6.
62...Kc8 63.Kf4? -2.24/20
[63.c6= 0.00/26 Nb6 64.Rh6]
63...Nxc5-+ 64.b6 Rb1? 0.00/40
[64...Nd7-+ -2.40/21 ...Rf1+ is the strong threat. 65.Rh8+ Kb7]
65.Rc7+= The position is equal.
65...Kd8

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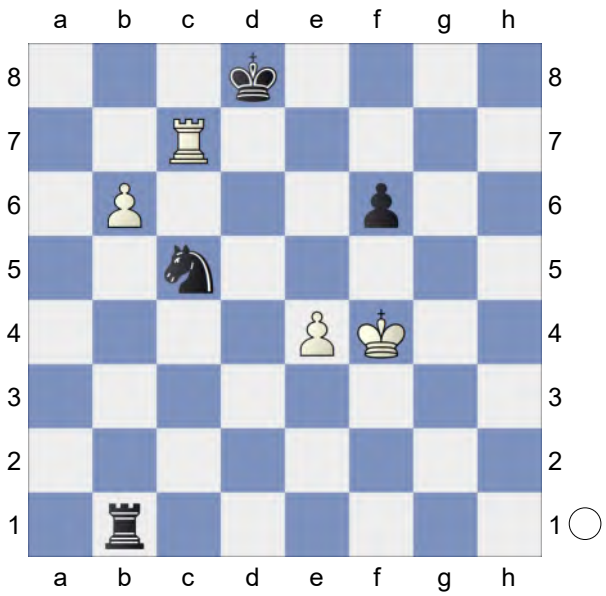

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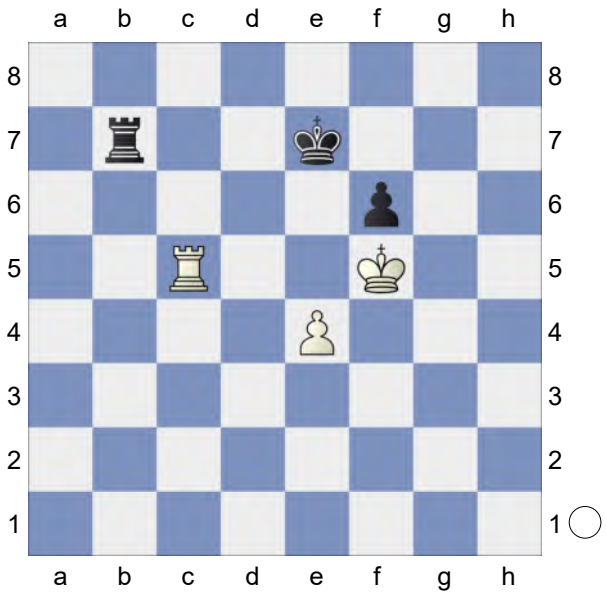

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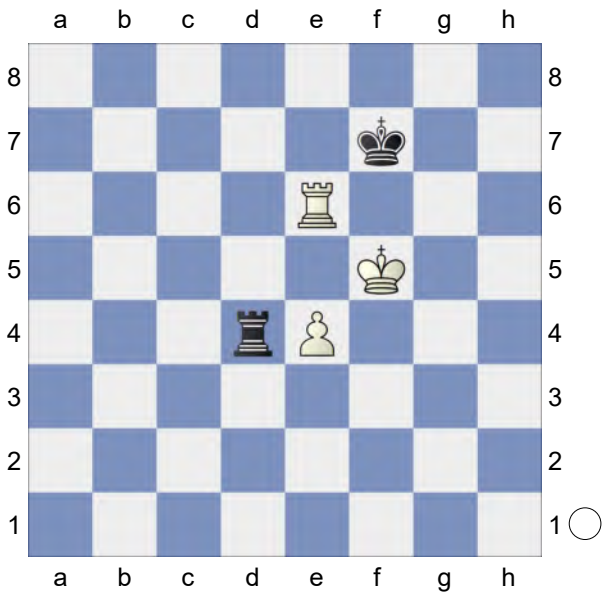

76.Rh6 Ra4 77.Rh7+ Kf8 78.Rh6

A wild game.

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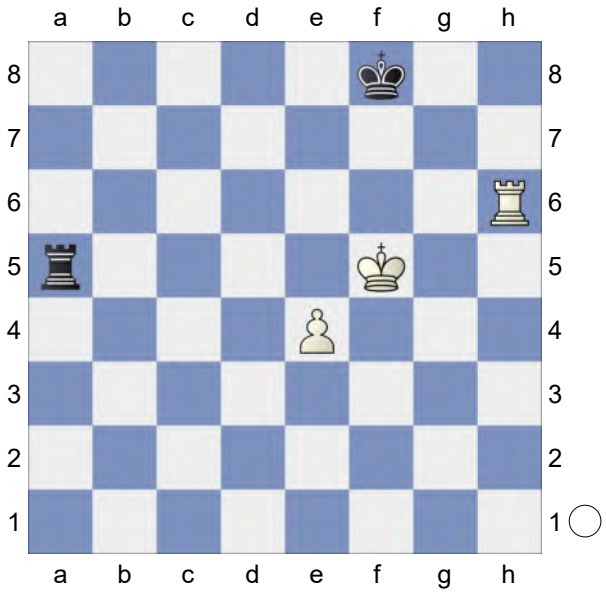
78...Ra5+



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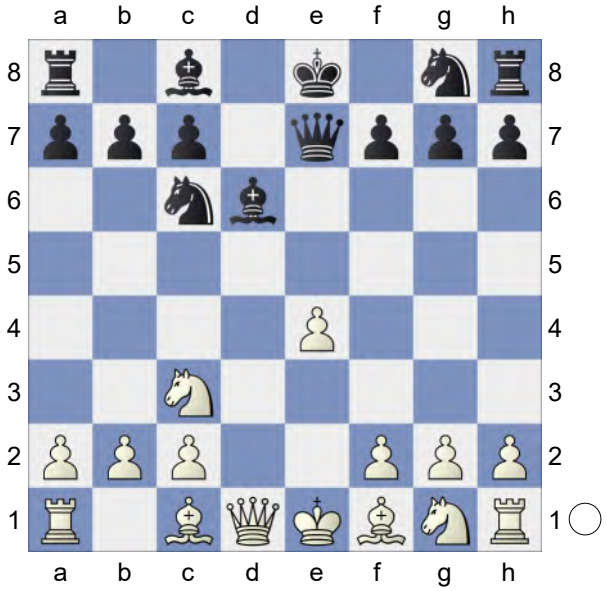

6.Bd3 Nf6 Prevents Nd5. **7.Bg5 h6** 1.70/19
[7...Be6± 0.86/20]
8.Nd5+- White is clearly better. **8...Qe6**
9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Qf3 Be5 2.11/20
[⌓10...Nb4 1.69/18]

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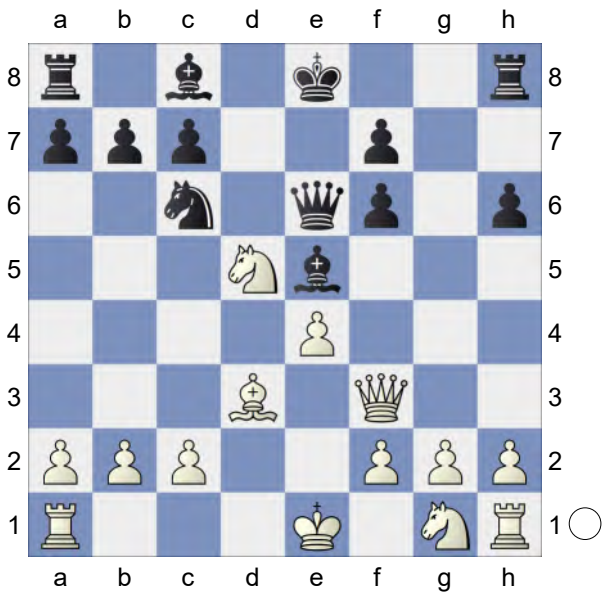


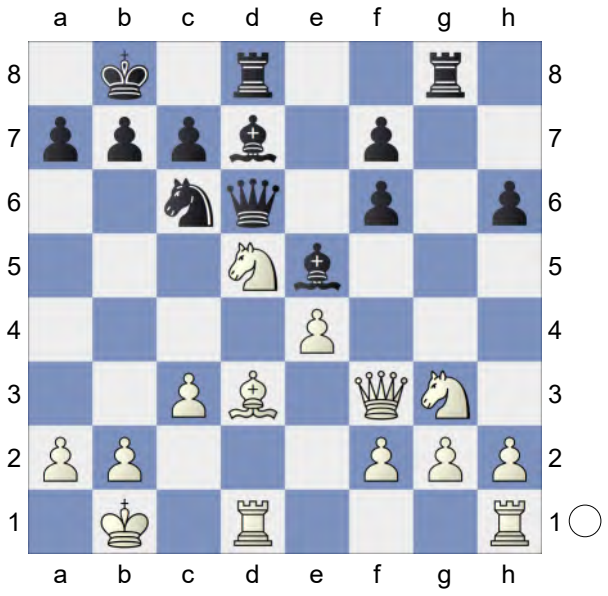
11.Ne2 Bd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.c3 Kb8 14.Ng3 1.39/17

[White should play 14.Bc2+- 1.88/17]

14...Qd6 1.85/17

[14...Ne7± 1.39/17 is a better defense.]

15.Kb1 Rhg8



16.Nf5 Qc5 3.03/18

[16...Bxf5± 1.59/18 17.Qxf5 Qe6]

17.g3 Be6 18.Bc2 a5 19.Nxh6 Excellent horsemanship. **19...Rh8 20.Nf5 Na7**

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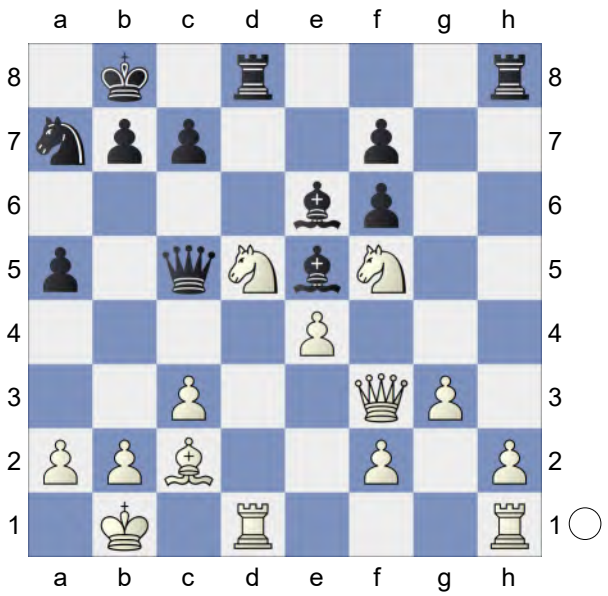
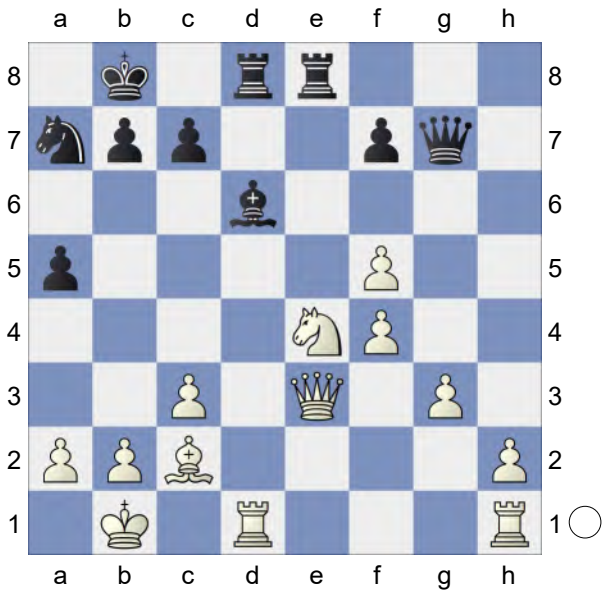


21.Qe3 Qf8 3.56/18

[⌓21...Qc4 2.45/19 22.Bb3 Qb5]

22.f4 Bxf5 23.exf5 Bd6 24.Nxf6 Qg7 25.Ne4 Rhe8



26.Qf3 Be7 27.Rxd8+ Rxd8 28.Rd1 Rh8 29.h4 Nc6 30.Rd7 Qf8

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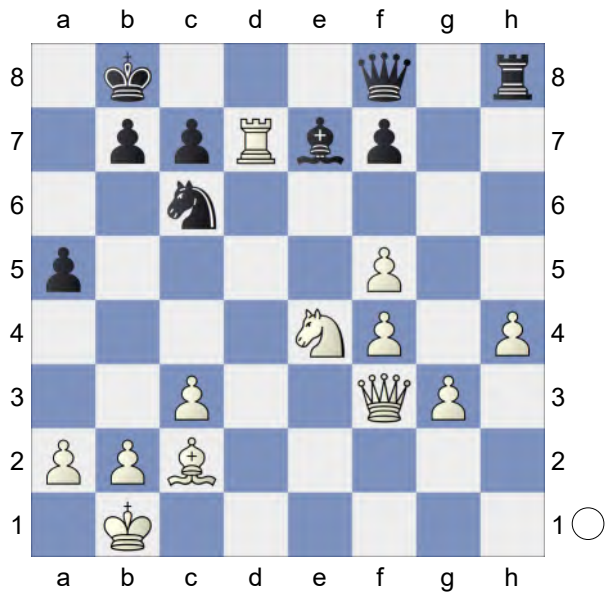
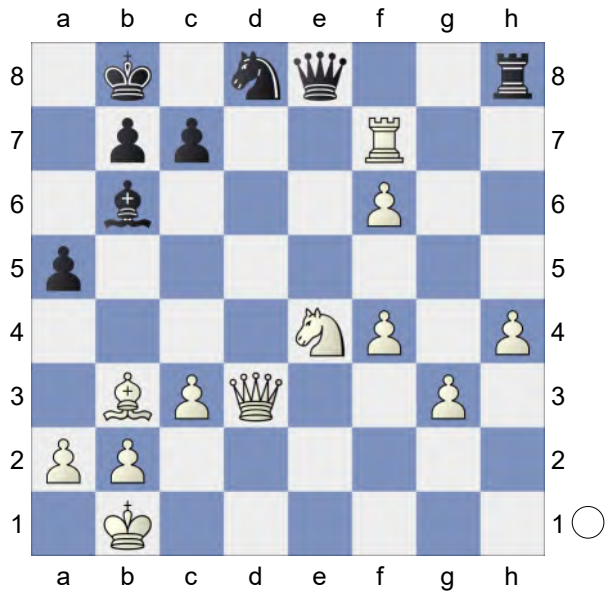


31.f6 Bc5 32.Bb3 Bb6 33.Rxf7 Qd8 34.Qd1 Qe8 35.Qd3 Nd8



36.Re7 Qf8 37.a4 Nc6 38.Rf7 Qe8 39.Bd5 Nd8 40.Re7 Qxa4

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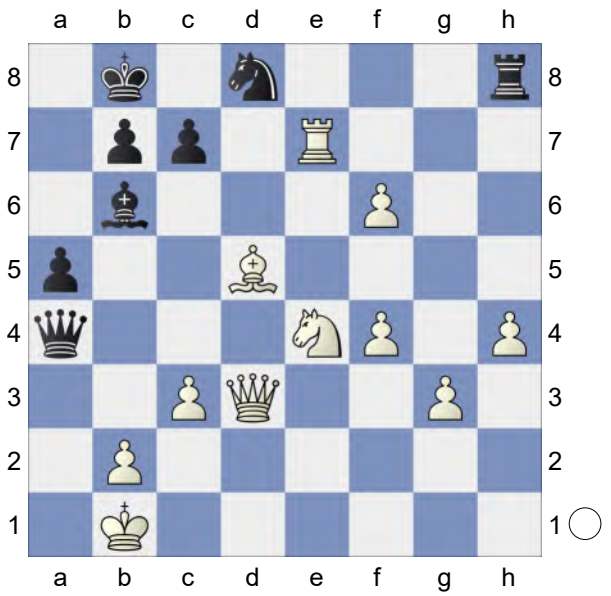
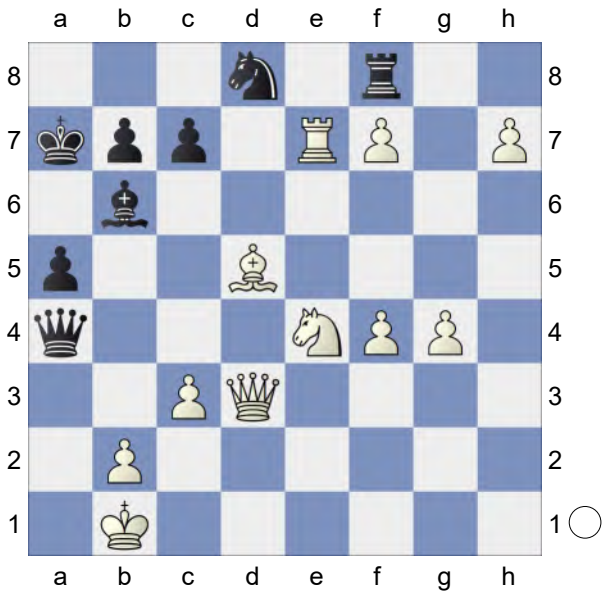
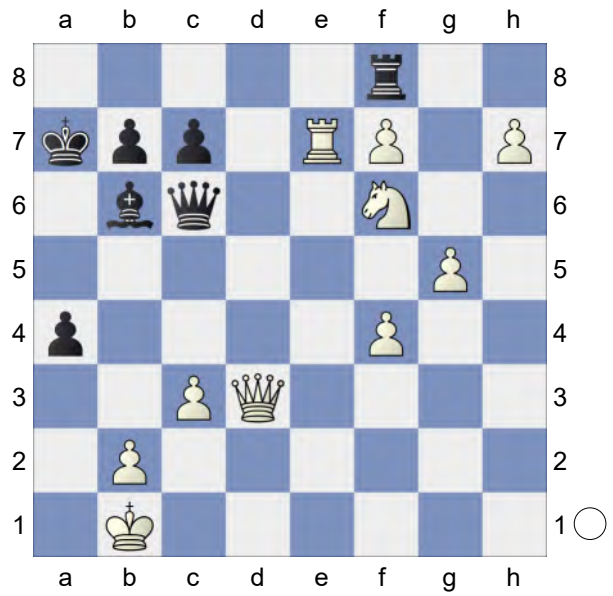


41.f7 Rf8 42.h5 Ka7 43.h6 Kb8 44.h7 Ka8 45.g4 Ka7

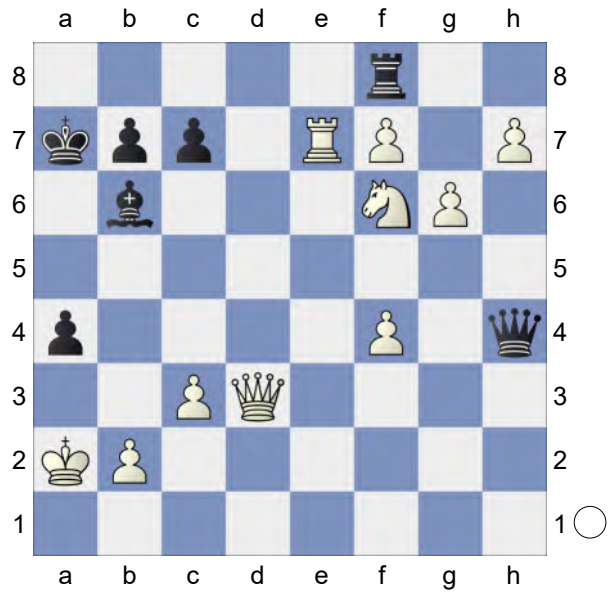


46.g5 Nc6 47.Bxc6 Qxc6 48.Nf6 a4

(Diagram)



49.g6! Qh1+
[49...Bc5 50.g7]
50.Ka2 Qh4



51.Re6 Qxf4 52.Nd5 Qg5

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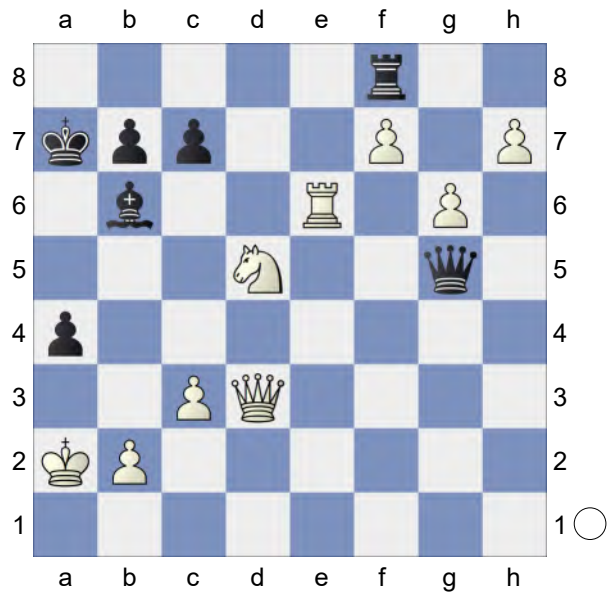
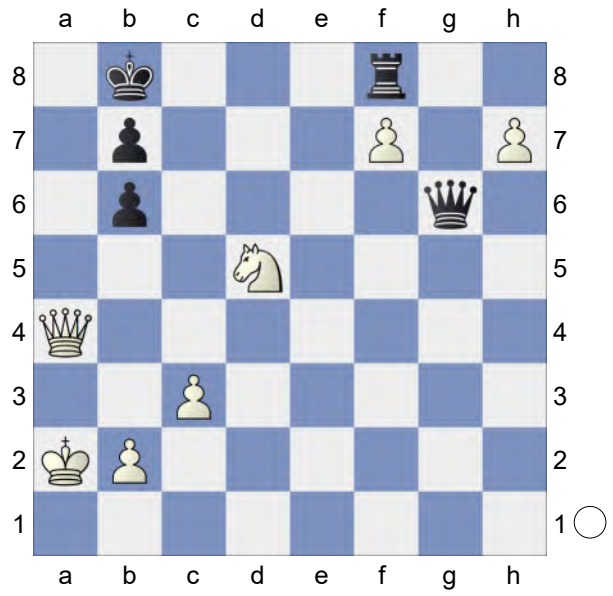


53.Rxb6! Promotion **53...cxb6**
Endgame KQR-KQN **54.Qb5 Qxg6**
55.Qxa4+ Kb8

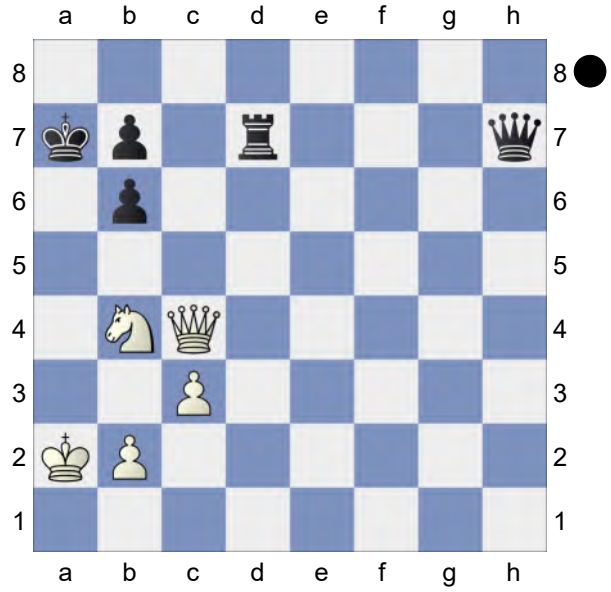


56.Qd7 Rxf7 57.Qd8+ Ka7 58.Nb4? -0.34/24
[58.h8Q #5/26 mates Qb1+ Decoy 59.Kxb1 Rf1+ 60.Ka2 Ra1+ 61.Kxa1 b5 62.Qb6#]
58...Qxh7 0.02/21
[58...Rxh7∓ -0.34/24 59.Qd1 Rh5]
59.Qd4 -0.45/22
[59.Nd5= 0.02/21]
59...Rd7 0.00/22

[59...Rc7∓ -0.45/22 should be considered. 60.Kb3 Rc5]

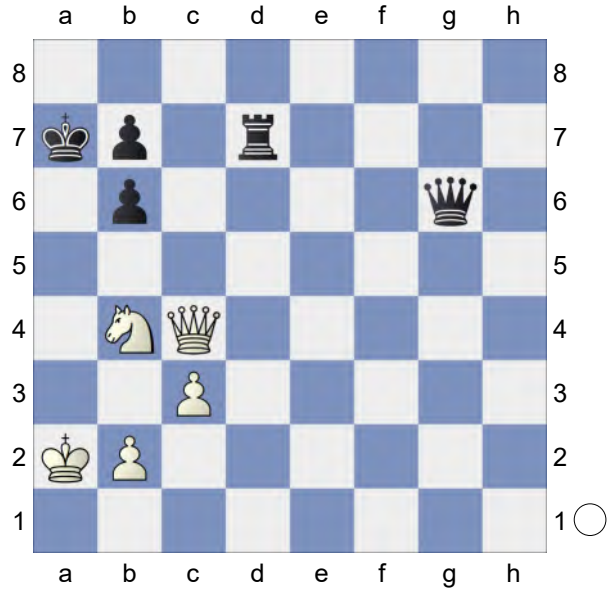
60.Qc4 -1.01/25

[60.Nd5= 0.00/22 keeps the balance.]

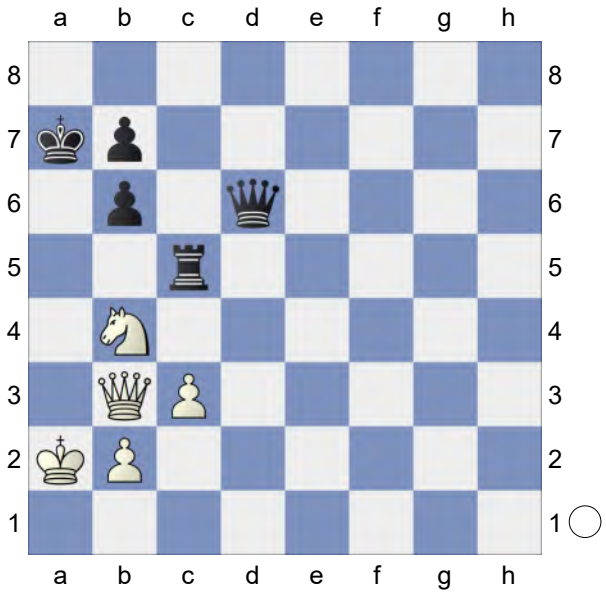


60...Qg6 -0.25/22

[60...Qf5!∓ -1.01/25 61.Qe2 Qf7+ 62.c4 Qe7 63.Qxe7 Rxe7]



61.Qb5= Qd6 62.Qa4+ Kb8 63.Qb3 Rc7 64.Qg8+ Ka7 65.Qb3 Qa3+ would now be deadly. **65...Rc5**



aiming for ...Ra5+. **66.Kb1** -1.47/24

[66.Nc2!∓ -0.57/22]

66...Qg6+ 67.Kc1? -6.08/23

[67.Qc2∓ -1.48/18 Qf7 68.Qa4+ Ra5 69.Qd1]

67...Qg1+? -1.36/23

[67...Rg5-+ -6.08/23 has better winning chances. 68.Nd5 Rg1+ 69.Kd2 Qg2+ 70.Kd3 Qf1+ 71.Kd4 Rg4+ 72.Ke5 Qe2+ 73.Kf6 Qf2+ 74.Ke5 Qe1+ 75.Kf6 Qf2+]

White does not recover from this.

68.Kc2? -5.25/23

[68.Qd1∓ -1.36/23 Qg6 69.Qd3 Qxd3 70.Nxd3]

68...Qg6+ 69.Kc1? -4.69/20

[69.Nd3 -2.64/21]

69...Rh5 70.Qa4+ -6.39/19

[⌓70.Qd1 -4.22/18 Rh3 71.Qa4+ Kb8 72.Qd1]

70...Ra5-+

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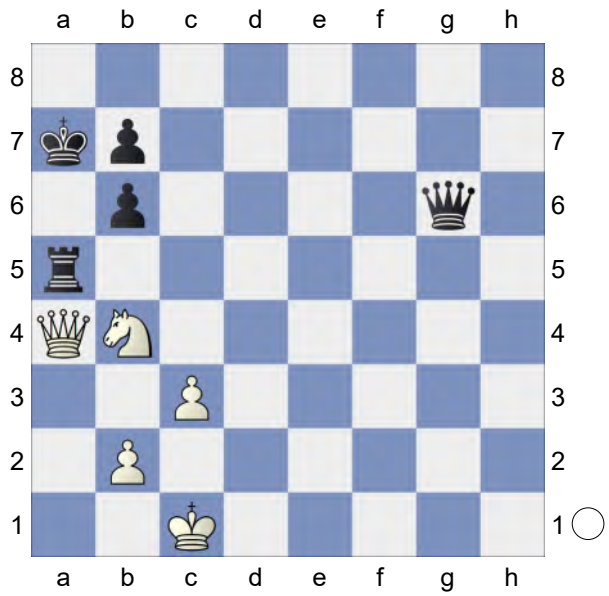
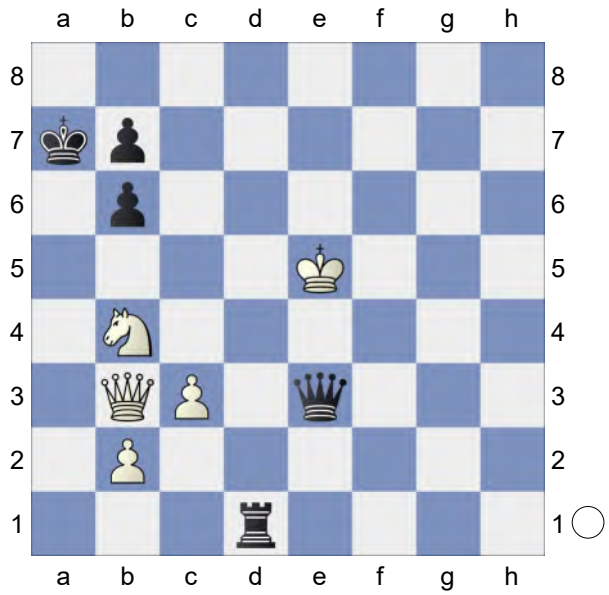
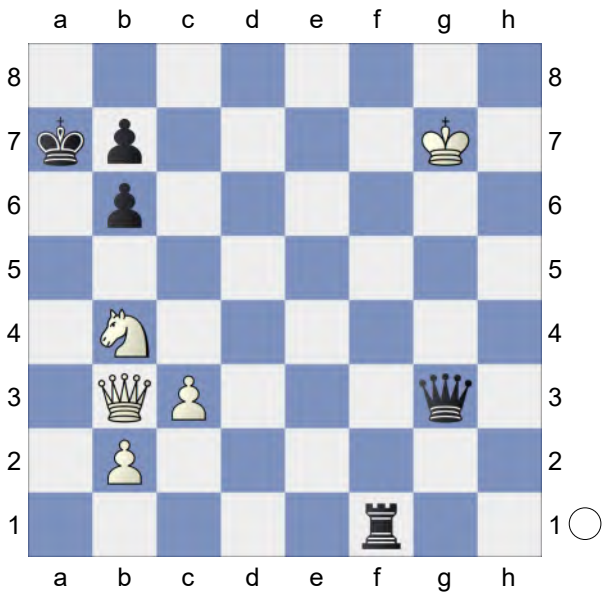


71.Qb3 Ra1+ 72.Kd2 Qg2+ 73.Kd3 Qf3+ 74.Kd4 Rd1+ 75.Ke5 Qe3+



Black mates. **76.Kf6 Rf1+ 77.Kg7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.45
77...Qg3+

(Diagram)



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86 **A40**
□ **Gubajdullin,A** **2233**
■ **Moroni,L** **2549**
Titled Tue 8th Jul Late blitz (10) 8.7.25
[Kitty Kat]

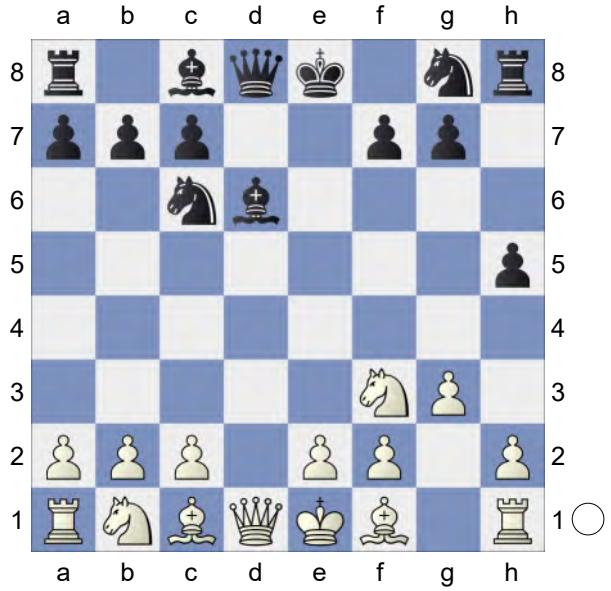
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.e4 dxe5 6.Nc3 f6 7.Be3 Bb4 8.Bc4 Nge7 9.Qe2 Qg4 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qxe4 12.Rfd1 Bg4 13.Rab1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qg6+ 15.Kh1 b6 16.Rg1 Qf5 17.Rxg7 Rf8 1-0 (34) Kletochkaa (2693)-Yagermeistervariants (2514) Blitz 2024]
3...Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.g3N
[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 19.Rd6 Be6 ½-½ (54) Genovese, A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299

Linares 1998 20.Bc4 Rcd8 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.Rxd8+ Nxd8 23.Rd1 Rb6+ 24.Kc1 Bb2+ 25.Kd2 Bf6 26.Bc7 Ra6 27.Bxd8 Bxd8 28.Kc1 Bf6 29.Rd7 Rxa2 30.Rxb7 Ra4 31.Nd2 Bc3 32.Rb3 Ra1+ 33.Nb1 Be1 34.Kb2 Ra5 ½-½ (54) Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) V0041 www.desc-online.de 1999]

[5.e4 Bg4 6.Be2 Qe7 7.Nc3 0-0-0 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.0-0 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Qxe4 11.Bd3 Bxf3 12.Bxe4 Bxd1 13.Raxd1 Ne5 14.Bc3 g6 15.f4 Nc4 16.Bxh8 Rxh8 17.Rfe1 Rd8 18.b3 Nb6 19.c4 Re8 1-0 (32) Bashirli,S (1986)-Nevska,G (1863) Swiss Queens Wed #44 blitz 2024 (11)]

5...h5 1.33/19

[⌓5...Qe7 0.97/18]



6.h4 Nf6 1.47/20

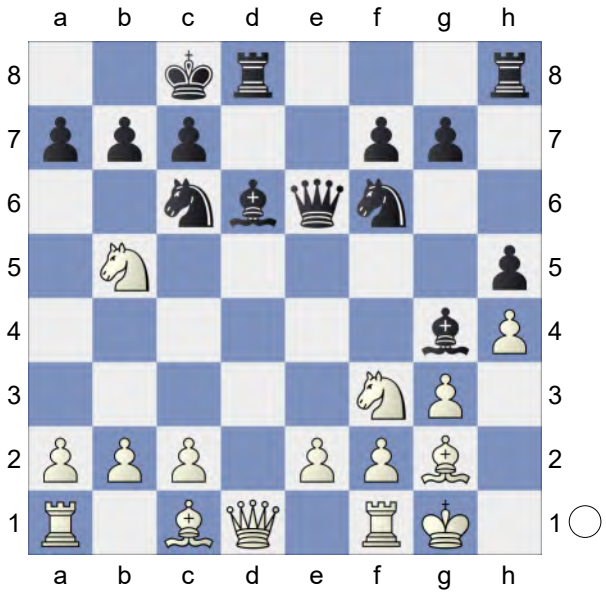
[⌓6...Bg4 1.02/20]

7.Bg2± Bg4 8.0-0 White is clearly better. **8...Qd7 9.Nc3 0-0-0 10.Nb5** 0.52/18

[10.Nd4± 1.50/19]

10...Qe6? 2.07/20

[10...Bc5!± 0.52/18 11.Qxd7+ Rxd7]



11.Nbd4 1.18/20

[11.Nfd4!+- 2.07/20 Nxd4 12.Qxd4]

11...Nxd4 1.80/19

[11...Qc4± 1.18/20]

12.Qxd4+- Kb8 2.37/18

[⌓12...Qxe2 1.80/19 13.Ng5 Qe7]

13.Be3 b6 2.62/19

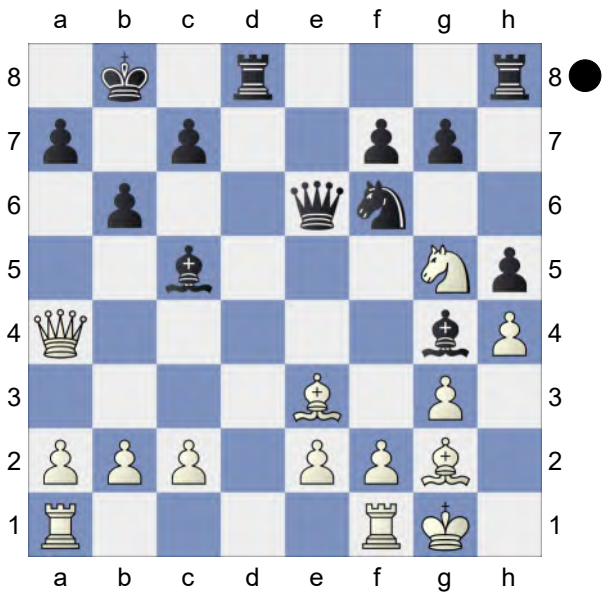
[13...c5 1.84/20 14.Qa4 Ne4 *(14...Bxg3? 15.Bxc5 b6 16.fxg3+-)*]

14.Qa4 Bc5 4.33/19

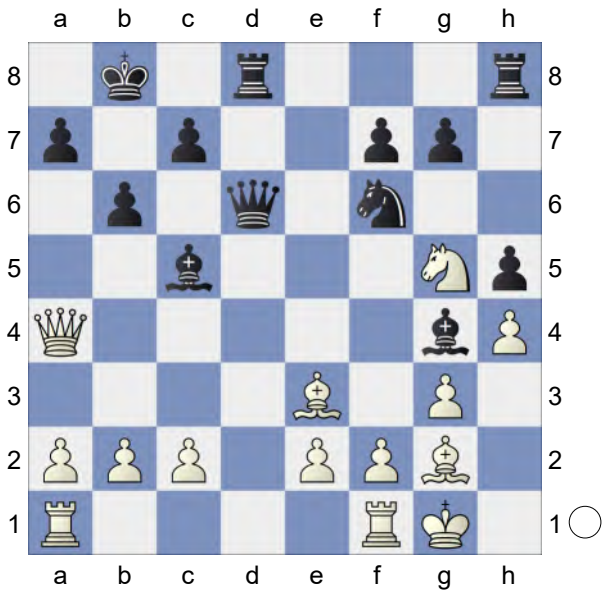
[14...Bxg3 1.88/19 15.Ng5 *(15.Nd4 Rxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxh4+-)* 15...Qe8 *(15...Qe7? 16.Qc6+-)*]

15.Ng5

(Diagram)



Deflection **15...Qd6** 4.67/21
[15...Qe8 2.60/21 was worth a try.
16.Qxe8 Rhxe8]



16.Nxf7 Qe6 17.Nxd8 Rxd8 18.Rad1 Re8 19.Bxc5 bxc5 20.Qb5+ Qb6

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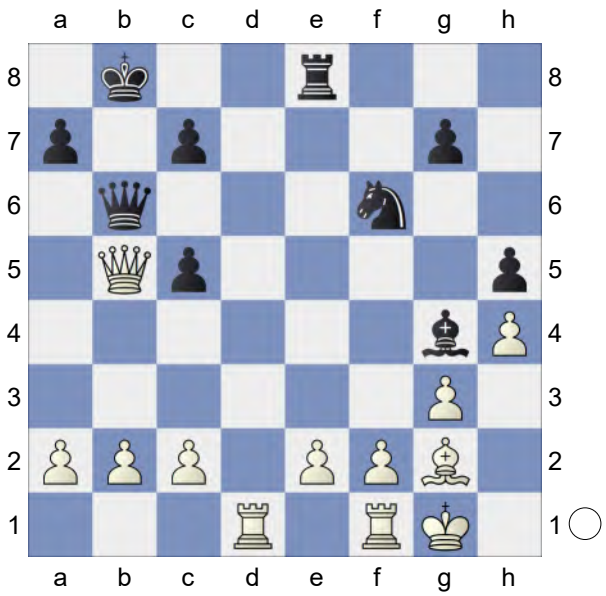
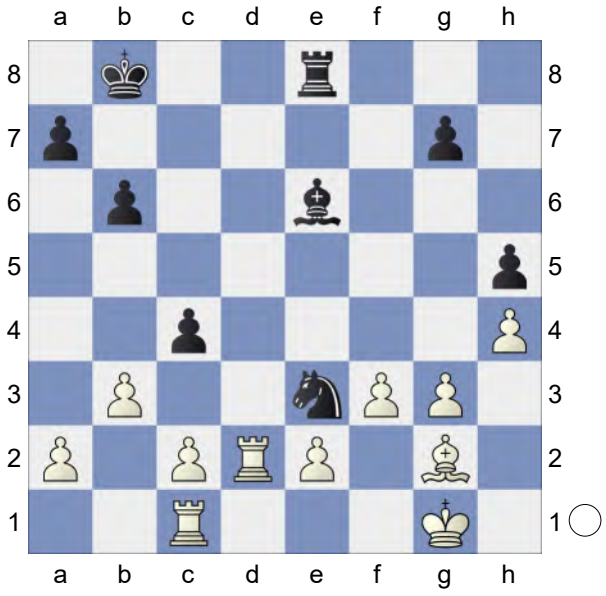


21.Qxb6+ cxb6 22.f3 Be6 23.b3 Nd5 24.Rd2 Ne3 25.Rc1 c4



26.Kf2 Bf5 27.c3 Kc7 28.Rd4 b5 29.f4 Nxg2 30.Kxg2 Rxe2+

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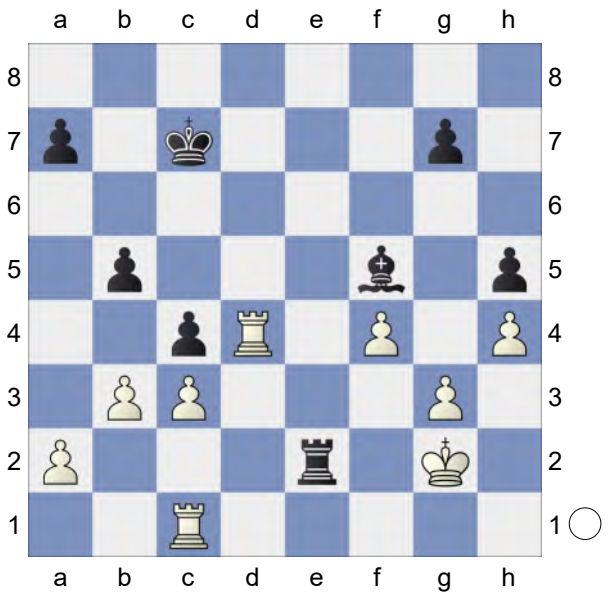
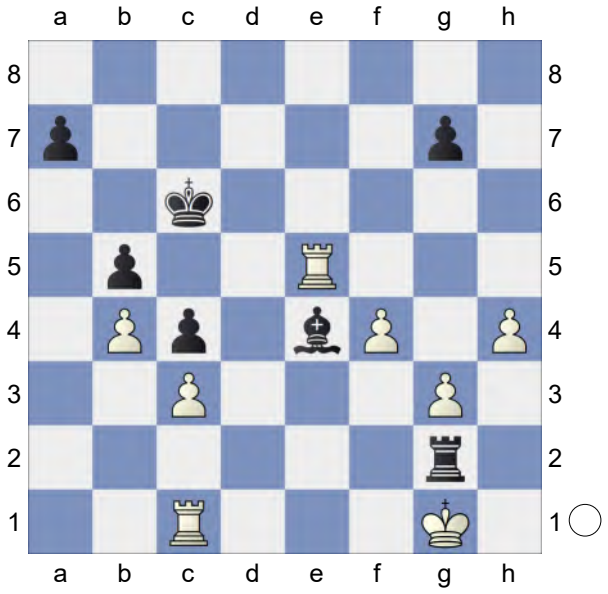


Endgame KRR-KRB **31.Kg1 Bd3 32.Rd5 Kc6 33.Rxh5 Rxa2 34.b4 Be4 35.Re5 Rg2+**



36.Kf1 Rh2 37.Re1 Bd5 38.Rg5 a5 39.bxa5 b4 40.cxb4
[40.Rxg7 bxc3 41.Rge7 c2=]
40...c3

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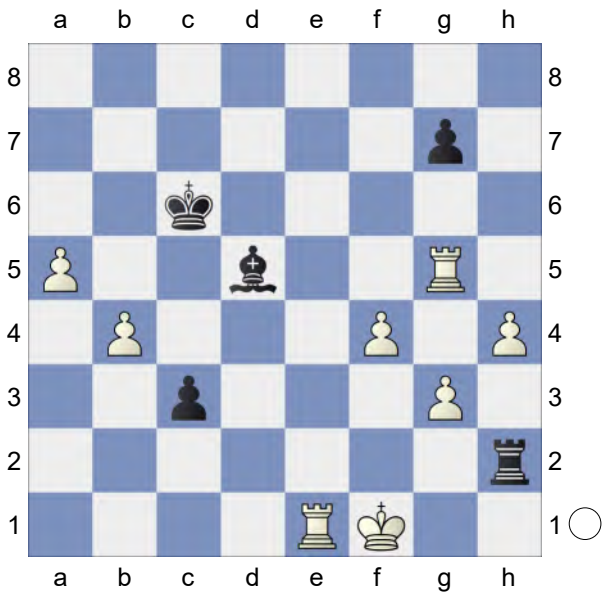
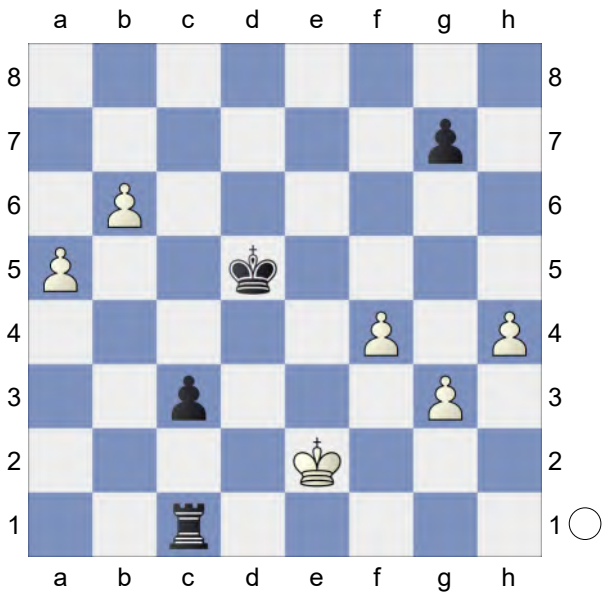


41.Rc1 0.03/18
[41.b5++- 6.30/17 Kc5 42.Rd1 *(42.Rxg7 c2+-)*]
41...Rh1+= 42.Ke2 Rxc1 KRB-KR
43.b5+? -6.09/21
[43.Kd3= 0.17/19]
43...Kc5-+ Black is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 43...Kxb5 44.Rxd5+ Kc4 45.Rd1 Rc2+ 46.Ke3±]
44.b6 -8.37/22
[⌓44.Kd3 -5.16/18 Kb4 45.Rxd5 Rd1+ 46.Ke4]
44...Kd4 Threatens to win with ...Bc4+.
45.Rxd5+ Kxd5

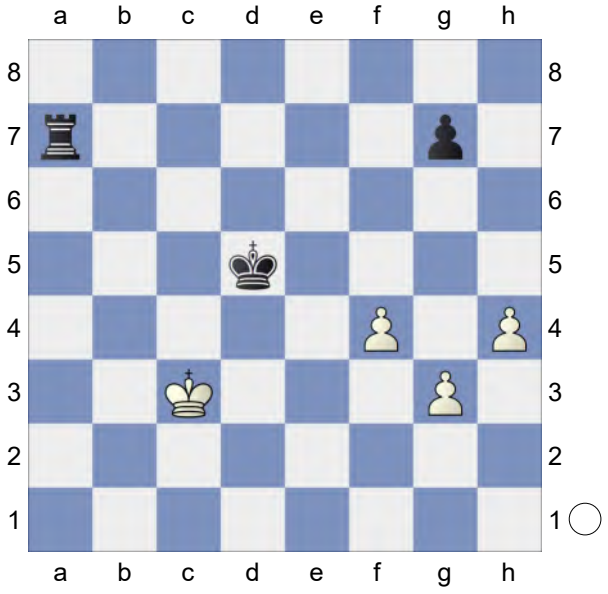
(Diagram)



KR-KP **46.b7 Rb1 47.Kd3 Rxb7 48.Kxc3 Rb5 49.a6 Ra5 50.a7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.75

50...Rxa7



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87 **A40**

□ **Huber,Mart AUT** **2338**

■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**

Titled Tue 4th Feb Early blitz (2) 4.2.25

[Kitty Kat]

A41: 1 d4 d6: Tartakower System and Modern Defence

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3N

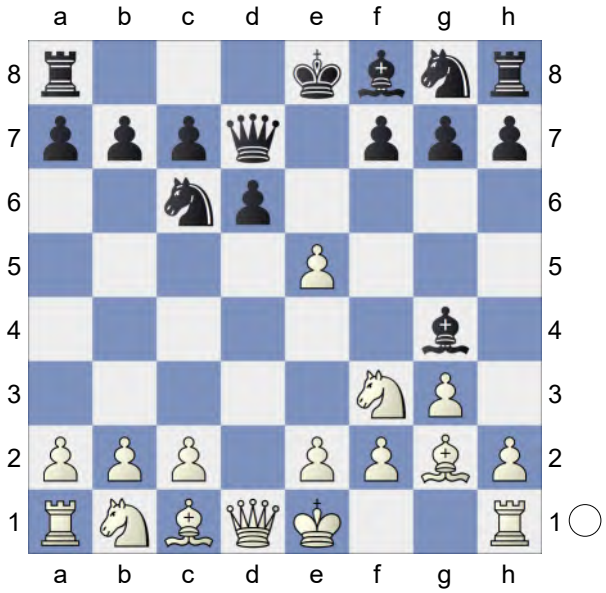
[4.Bf4 f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]

[4.Bg5

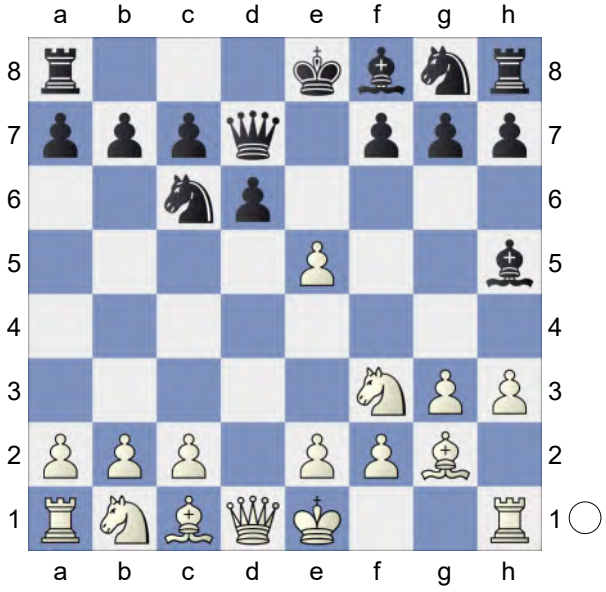
A) 4...Be7 5.Bxe7 Ngxe7 *(5...Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Rxb7* 1-0 (21) Marchisotti, M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998*)* 6.exd6 cxd6 7.c3 0-0 8.e3 Be6 9.Be2 Qb6 10.Qc2 Bf5 11.Qb3 Qxb3 12.axb3 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023;

B) 4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4...Bg4 5.Bg2 Qd7 1.26/18
[5...dxe5= 0.25/18 6.0-0 Nf6]

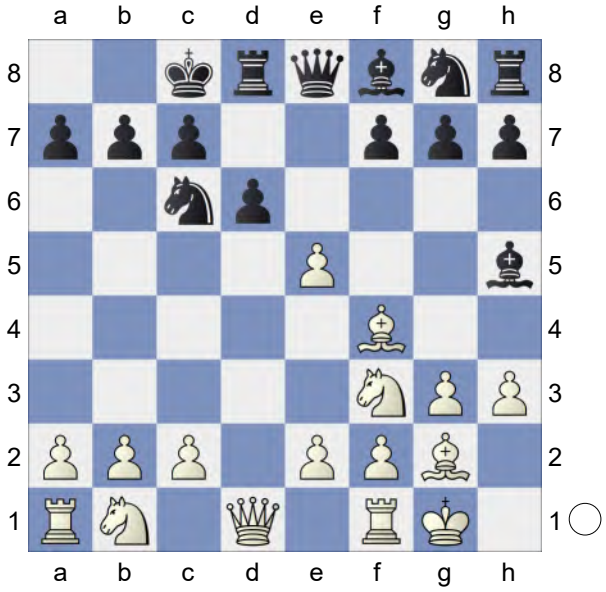


6.h3 0.76/19
[⌓6.exd6 1.26/18 Bxd6 7.Nc3]
6...Bh5 1.45/17
[⌓6...Bxf3 0.76/19 7.exf3 *(7.Bxf3 dxe5 8.Qxd7+ Kxd7±)* 7...dxe5]

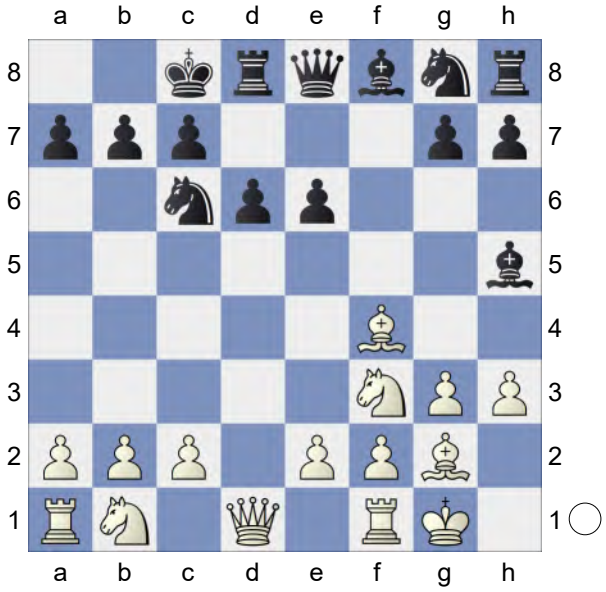


7.0-0 0.64/19
[7.exd6!± 1.45/17 Bxd6 8.Nc3]
7...0-0-0 1.44/19
[7...dxe5± 0.64/19 8.Qxd7+ Kxd7]

8.Bf4 0.57/23
[White should play 8.Bg5± 1.44/19]
8...Qe8 1.54/20
[8...dxe5± 0.57/23 9.Qxd7+ Rxd7 10.Nxe5 Nxe5]



9.e6! fxe6



10.Nc3 -0.09/19
[10.c4!± 1.23/18]
10...e5

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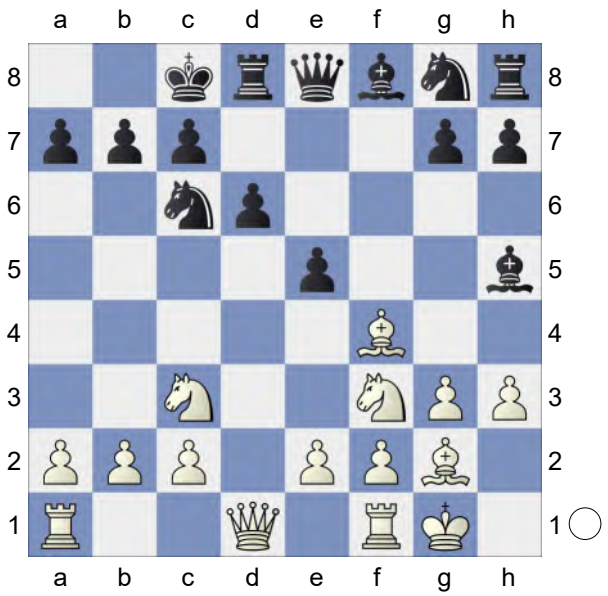
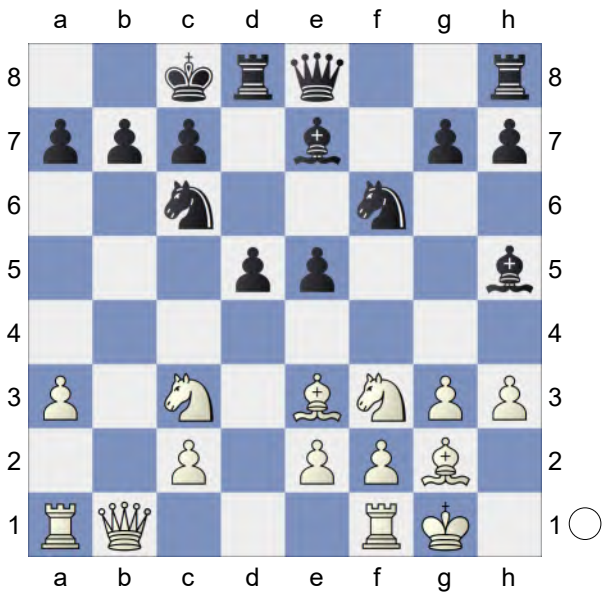
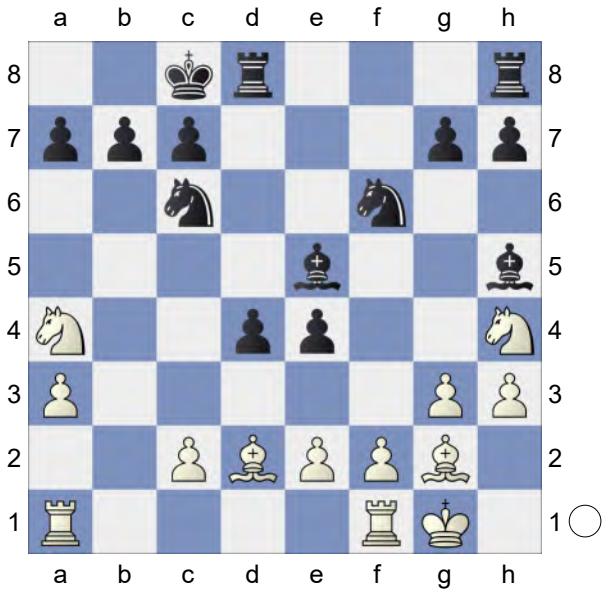


Prevents Nd4. **11.Bg5 Be7 12.Be3** -0.12/19
[⌓12.Nd5 0.30/20]
12...Nf6= 13.b4 -1.40/20 **Nxb4** -0.25/21
[13...d5!∓ -1.40/20 Strongly threatening ...d4!. 14.b5 Bb4]
14.Qb1 d5 0.05/19
[14...Bxf3∓ -0.37/21 might be stronger. 15.exf3 d5]
15.a3 -1.36/17
[15.Bxa7 Nc6 16.Nb5 Nxa7 17.Nxa7+ Kb8∓]
[15.Nxe5= 0.05/19 keeps the balance. d4 16.Bxd4 *(16.a3 dxe3 17.axb4 exf2+ 18.Kh2 Bf8=)* 16...Rxd4 17.a3]
15...Nc6∓

(Diagram)



16.Na4 -2.43/19
[16.Nb5∓ -1.47/17]
16...d4 17.Bd2 e4 18.Nh4 -2.75/18
[⌓18.Ng5 -1.61/18]
18...Bd6 19.Qb5 Qe5 20.Qxe5 Bxe5

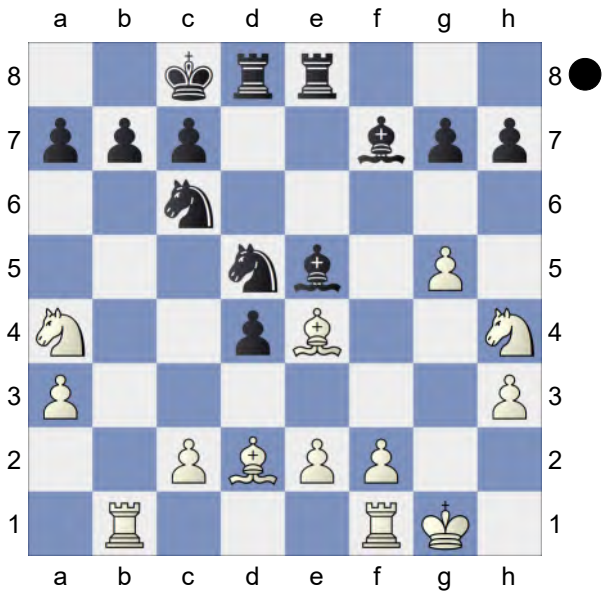


21.g4 Bf7 22.g5 Nd5
[22...e3 23.f4 d3 *(23...exd2 24.fxe5 Nxe5 25.gxf6∓)* 24.fxe5 dxe2 25.Bxe3 exf1N *(25...exf1R+? 26.Rxf1* Pin *Nd5 27.Bf2-+)* 26.Rxf1∓]
23.Bxe4 Rhe8 -1.14/19
[Better is 23...Nf4 -1.54/19 24.Rfe1 Nxh3+ 25.Kf1 g6 *(25...Bf4 26.Bxf4*

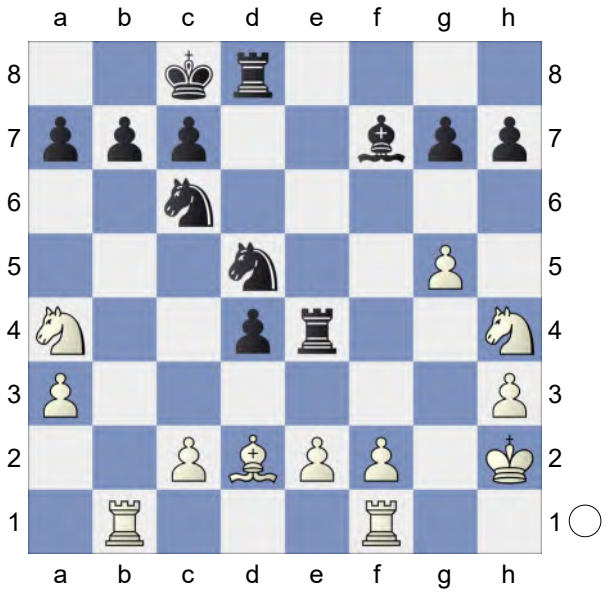
Nxf4 27.Nc5∓)]

Now White is beyond hope. **24.Rab1?** -3.04/17

[24.Bxh7∓ -1.14/19 Bf4 25.Rad1]



24...Bh2+!-+ Discovered Attack **25.Kxh2 Rxe4**



26.Rfe1 Rxh4 27.f3 Rh5

[Don't do 27...b6 28.Kg3 Rh5 29.h4]

28.Nc5 b6 29.Ne4 Bg6 30.Ng3 Ne3

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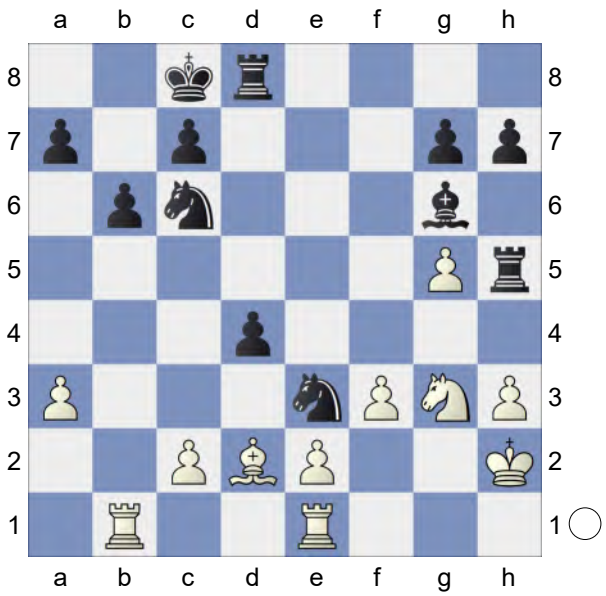
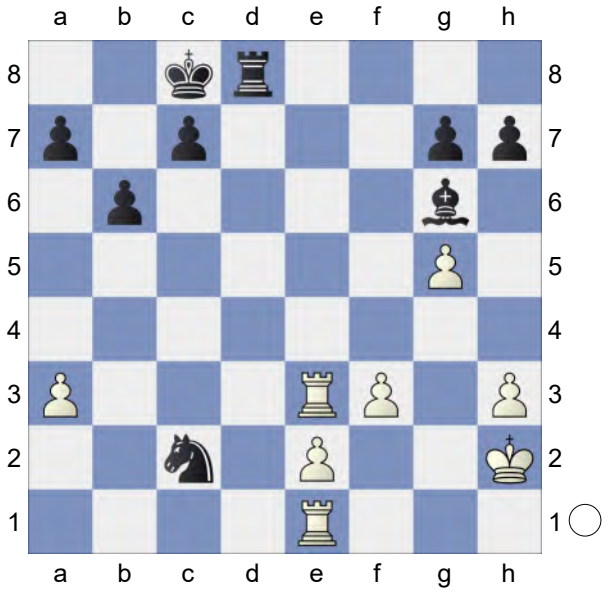


31.Bxe3 dxe3 32.Nxh5 Bxh5 33.Rbd1 Nd4 34.Rd3 Bg6 Black is clearly winning. **35.Rxe3 Nxc2**



36.Re6 Nxe1 37.f4 Bf5 38.Re5 g6 39.h4 Nc2 40.h5 Nd4

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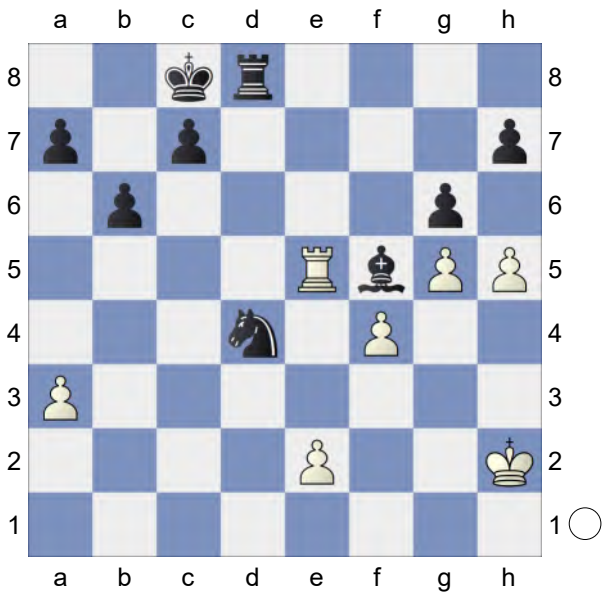
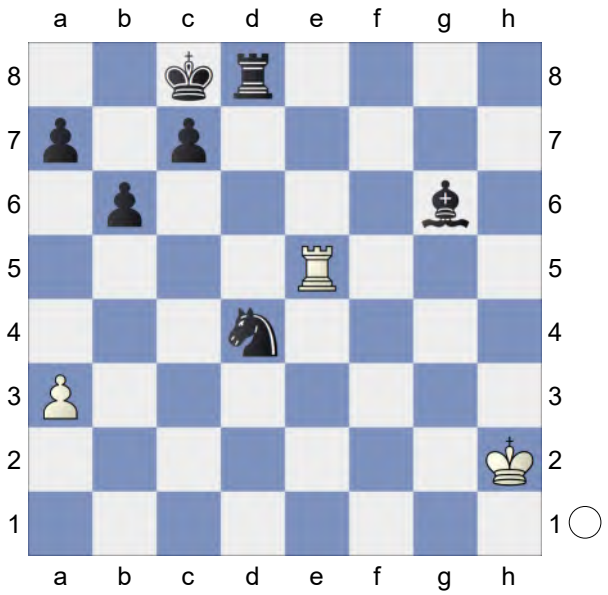


41.e4 Bg4 42.hxg6 hxg6 43.f5 gxf5 44.exf5 Bxf5 45.g6 Bxg6



46.Rg5

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46...Bd3

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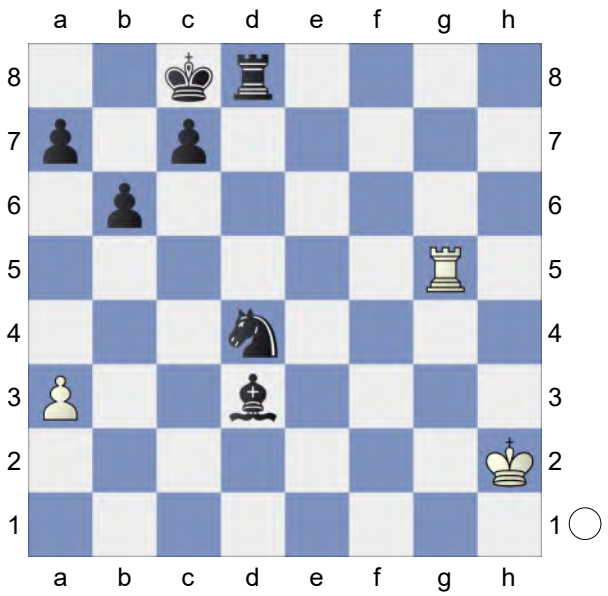

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88 **A40**

□ **Dzida,Kamil** **2399**

■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**

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[Kitty Kat]

C41: Philidor Defence

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

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From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215

E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**

[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8

17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4.e4N

[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 19.Qd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero, M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]

[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch, A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

4...Nc6 5.Bb5 Qd7 1.39/20

[⌓5...dxe5 0.81/20 6.Qxd8+ Rxd8]

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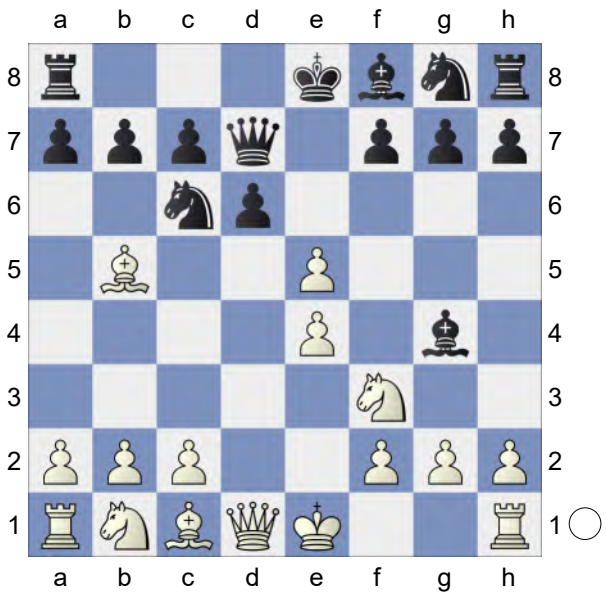


6.h3 Bh5 1.68/21

[6...Bxf3± 1.31/21 7.Qxf3 dxe5]

7.0-0 1.02/18

[7.g4+- 1.68/21 Bg6 8.Nc3]

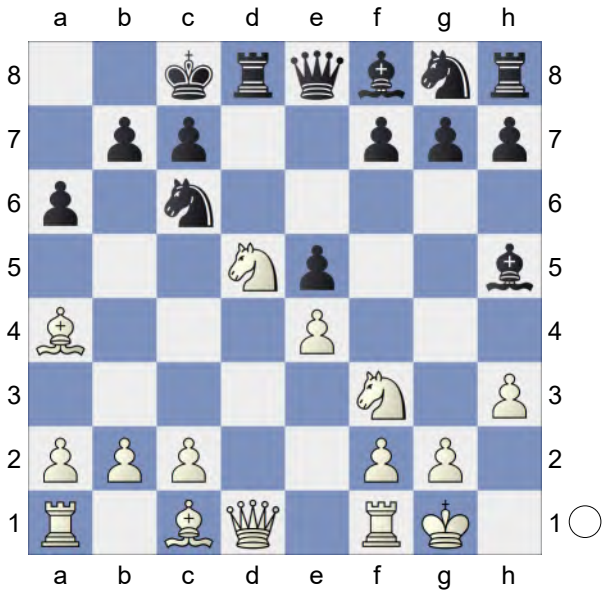
7...0-0-0 1.69/21

[7...a6± 1.02/18]

8.Nc3 White is clearly better. **8...a6 9.Ba4 Qe8 10.Nd5** 0.57/17

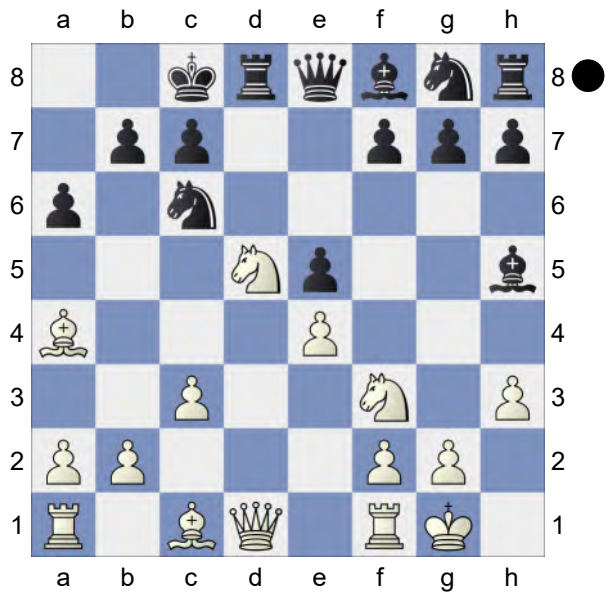
[10.e6± 1.36/21]

10...dxe5±

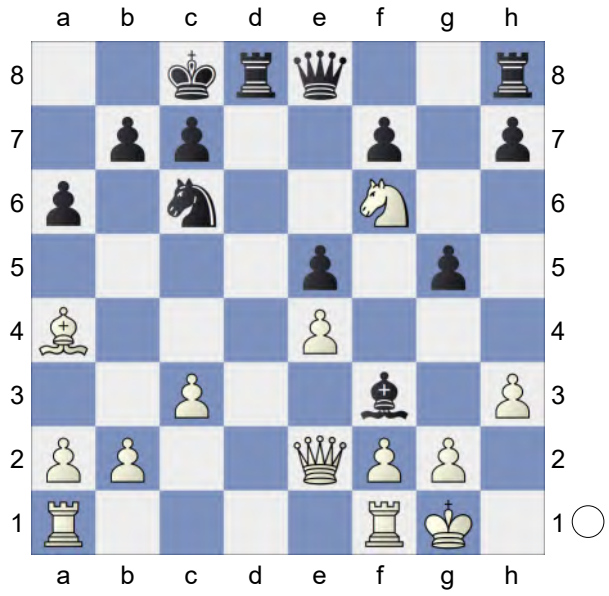


11.c3 -0.75/18

[11.c4± 0.49/19 stays ahead.]

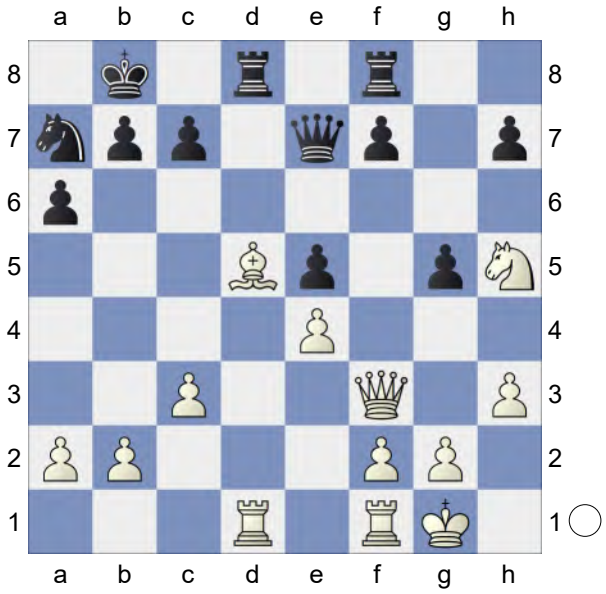


11...Nf6 0.56/18
[11...f5!∓ -0.75/18 12.exf5 Nf6 13.Nxf6 gxf6]
12.Bg5↑ White fights for an advantage.
12...Be7? 2.31/20
[Black should try 12...Rg8± 0.58/17]
13.Bxf6 1.23/17
[13.Bxc6+- 2.31/20 bxc6 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.Qa4]
13...Bxf6± 14.Qe2 White is more active.
14...g5? 4.92/19 **15.Nxf6+- Bxf3**



16.Qxf3
[Don't do 16.gxf3 Qe6 17.Ng4 h5+-]

16...Qe6 17.Rad1 Kb8 18.Bb3 Qe7 19.Bd5 Na7 20.Nh5 Rhf8



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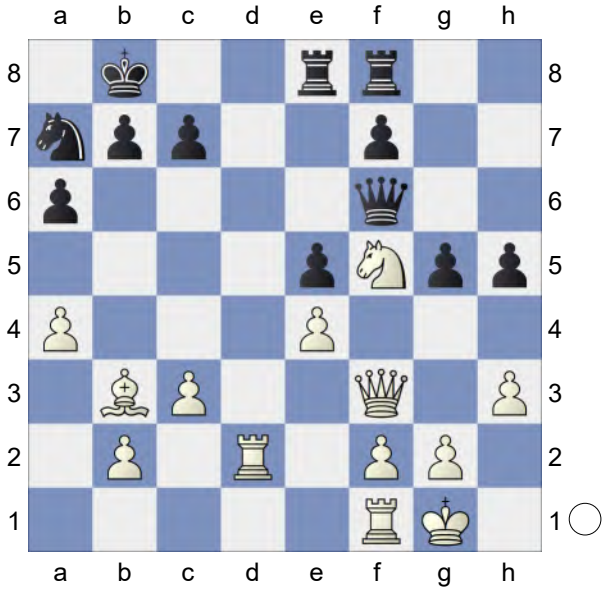

26.Qxh5 Rh8 27.Qxf7 Qb6 28.Rfd1 Nc6 29.Bd5 Nd8 30.Qd7 Ref8

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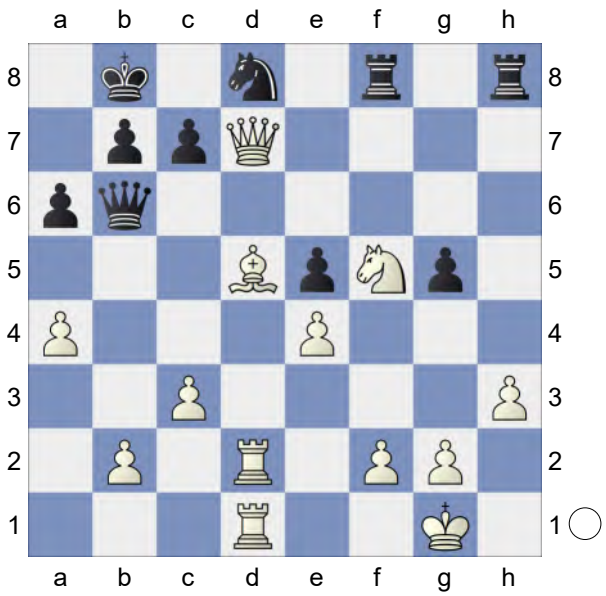
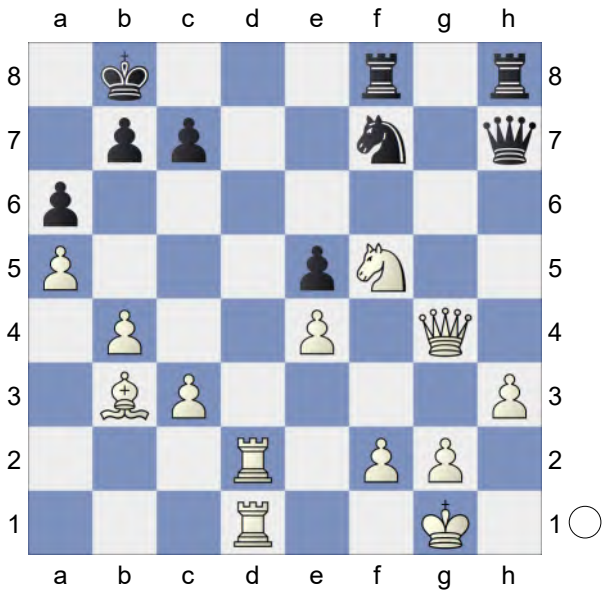


31.b4 g4 32.a5 Qg6 33.Qg7
Inhibits gxh3. **33...Qh5** 7.14/19
[⌓33...Qxg7 4.92/19 34.Nxg7 gxh3]
34.Qxg4 Qh7 35.Bb3 Nf7



36.Rd7 Rhg8 37.Rxf7 Rxf7 38.Qf3 Rff8 39.Bxg8 Rxg8 40.h4 Qf7

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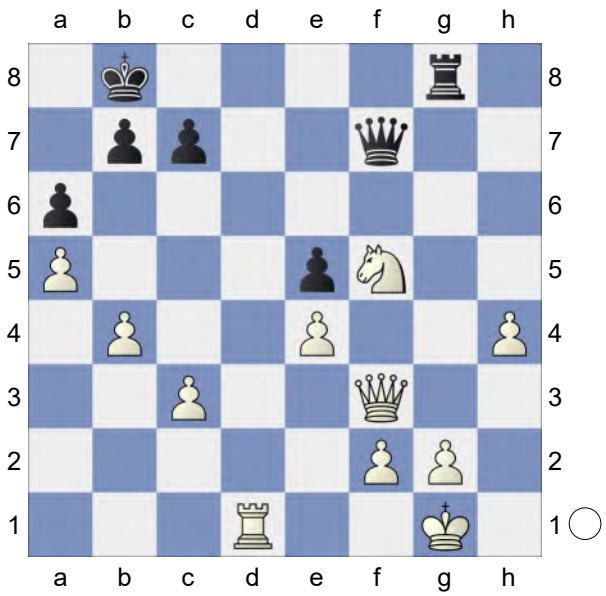

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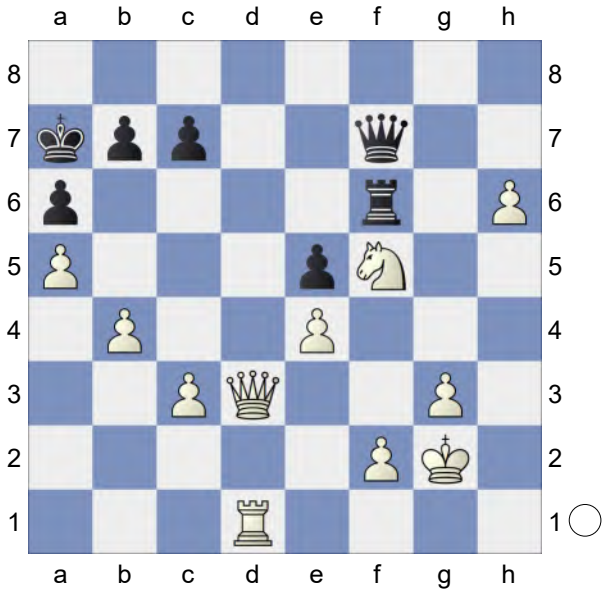

46.Rh1 Qh7 47.Qe3+ Ka8 48.Qc5 Kb8 49.Qe7 Rf7

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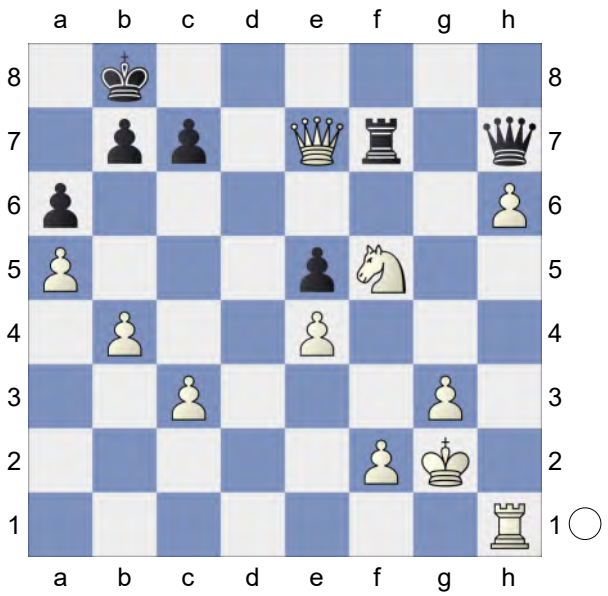
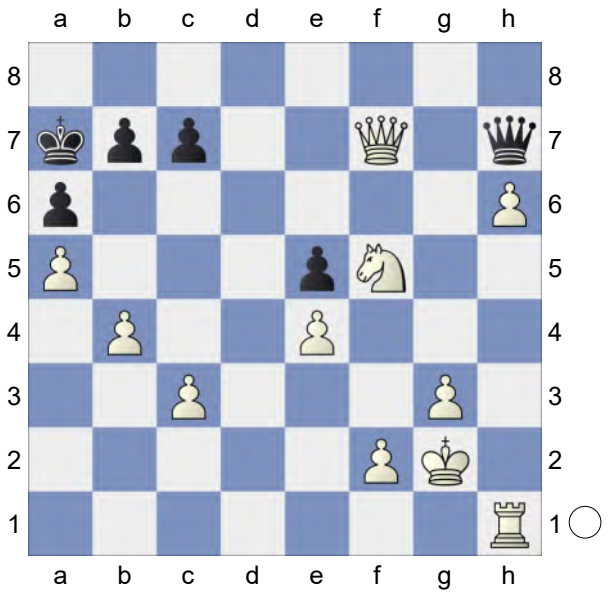


50.Qxf7!! Ka7
[50...Qxf7 51.h7]



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51.Qxh7

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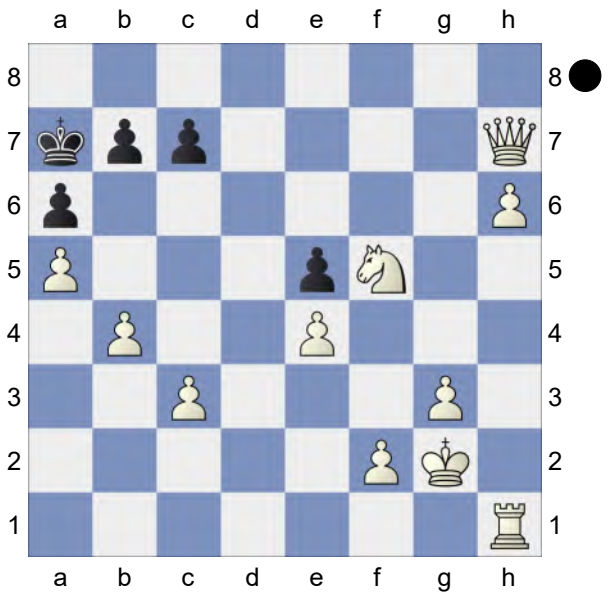

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89 **A40**
□ **Erdogmus,Yagiz Kaan** **2618**
■ **Dyulgerov,Volen** **2200**
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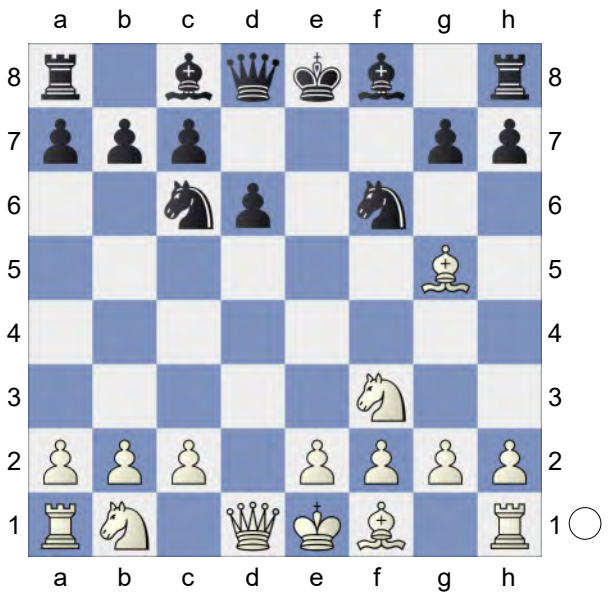
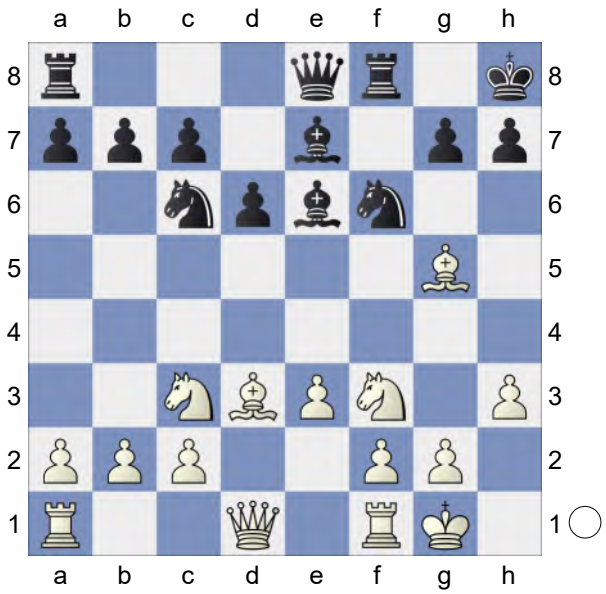
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 f6 5.exf6 Nxf6



6.Nc3
[6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 Be6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3 g5 18.f4 Ng6 19.Bxh5 gxf4 20.Bg4 Qe5 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024]
6...Be7 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3 White is clearly better. **8...Kh8N**
[8...Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Ne5 11.Qxb7 Rb8 12.Qxa7 Rxb2 13.0-0 Nxd3 14.cxd3 d5 15.Rab1 Rd2 16.Rb7 Rxd3 17.Rxc7 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023]
9.h3 White is more active. **9...Be6 10.0-0 Qe8**



11.Ne2 Nd5 12.Nf4 Nxf4 13.Bxf4 Bd5 14.c4 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 g5 2.27/19
[15...Nb4 1.77/21 was necessary.]

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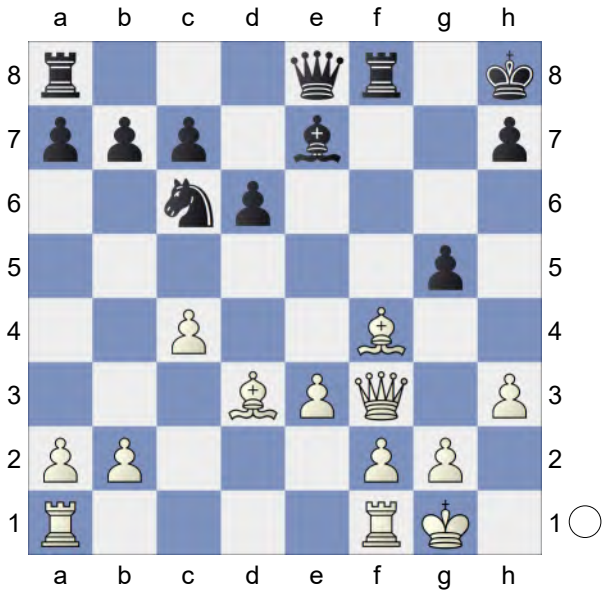
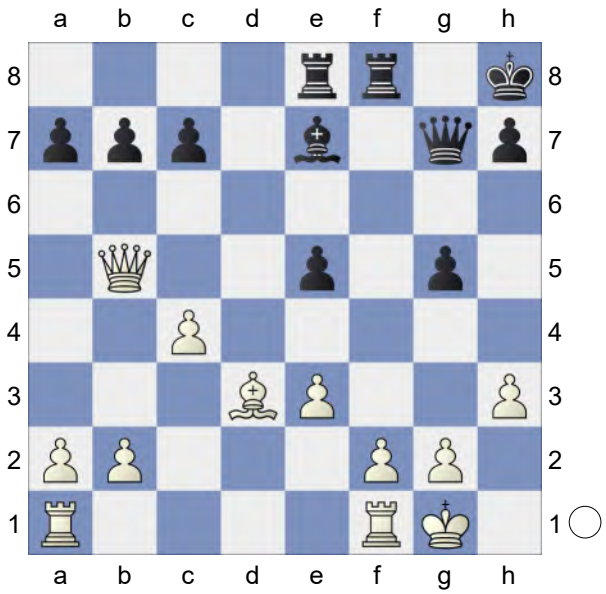


16.Qe4!+- Qf7 Black is weak on the light squares **17.Bg3 Rae8 18.Qd5 Qg7 19.Qb5** Inhibits Nb4. **19...Ne5 20.Bxe5 dxe5**



21.Qxb7 e4 22.Qxe4 Bd6 23.Qg4 Qe5 24.g3 Bc5 25.Rad1 Qxb2

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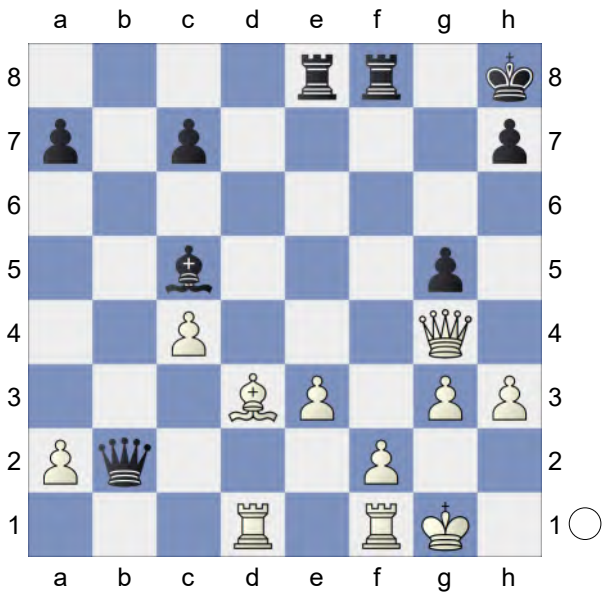
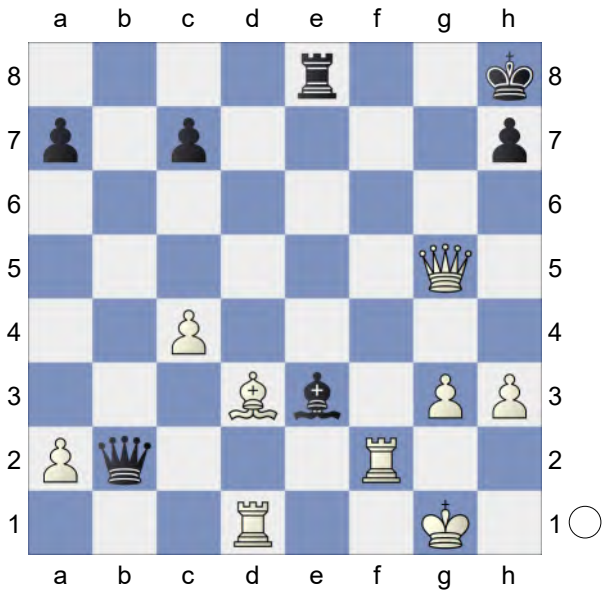


26.Qxg5 Rxf2? 6.34/28
[26...Qe5 3.88/15 27.Qh4 Re7]
27.Rxf2 and Qh5! should not be overlooked **27...Bxe3**



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28.Qxe3!!

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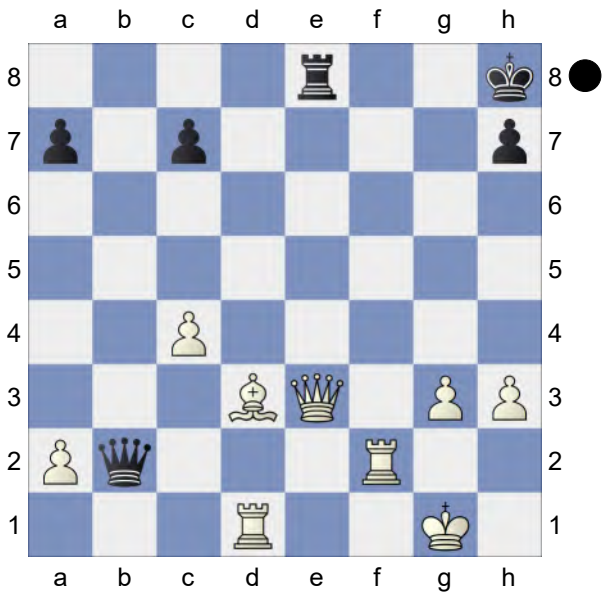

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90 **A40**
□ **Barria Zuniga,Daniel** **2341**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
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[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bf4
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bg4N
[4...f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 19.Nxb7 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz

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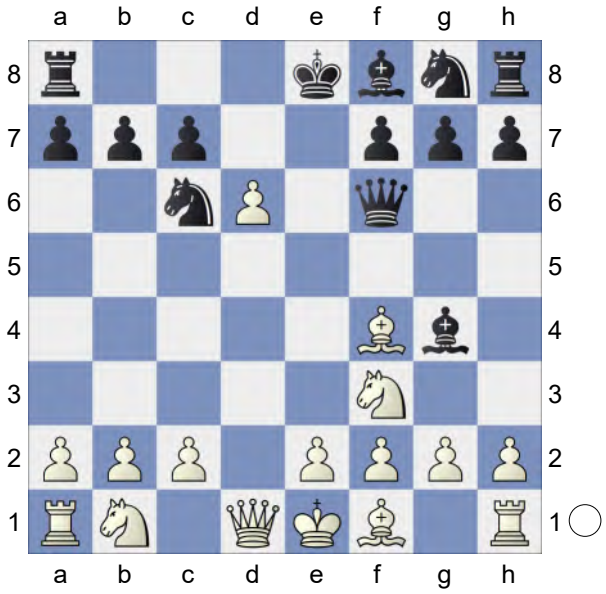
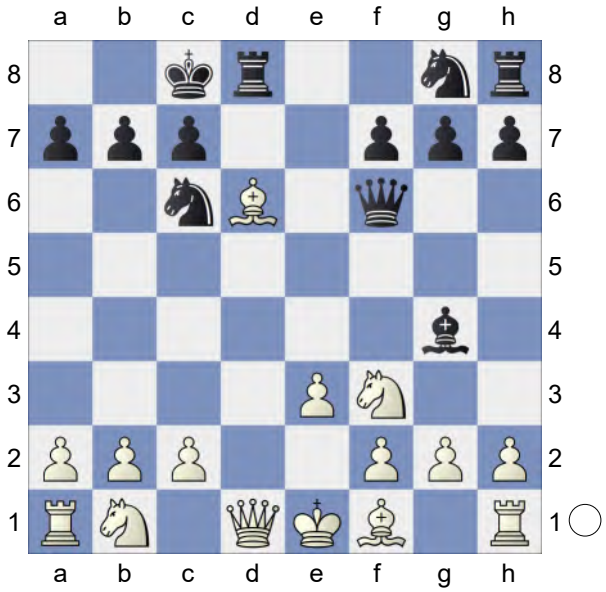
5.exd6 Qf6



6.e3 Bxd6 7.Bxd6 0-0-0

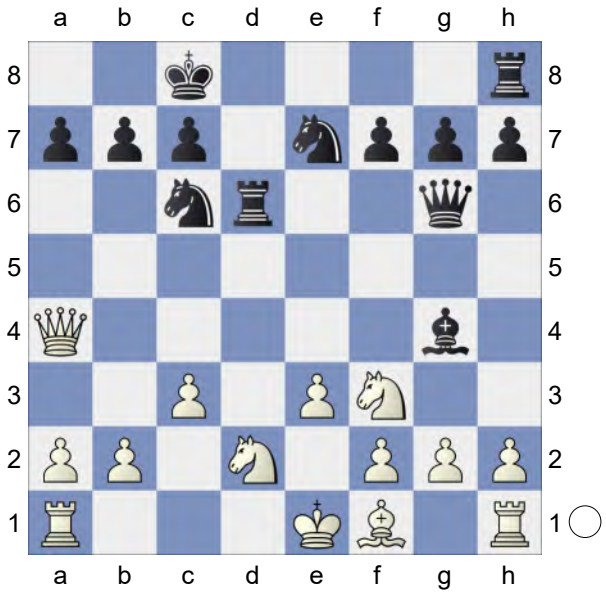


8.Nbd2! White is better. **8...Rxd6**

[8...Qxd6 9.c3]

9.c3 Nge7 10.Qa4 Qg6

(Diagram)



11.Be2 Bxf3 1.78/19

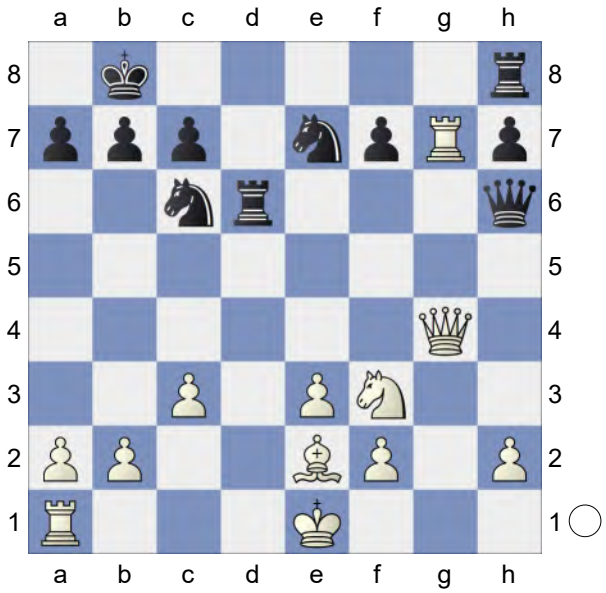
[11...Bd7± 1.18/17 keeps fighting.]

12.Nxf3+-

[12.gxf3 f5±]

[12.Bxf3 Ne5±]

12...Qxg2 13.Rg1 Deflection **13...Qh3 14.Rxg7 Kb8 15.Qg4** Prevents Ng6. **15...Qh6**

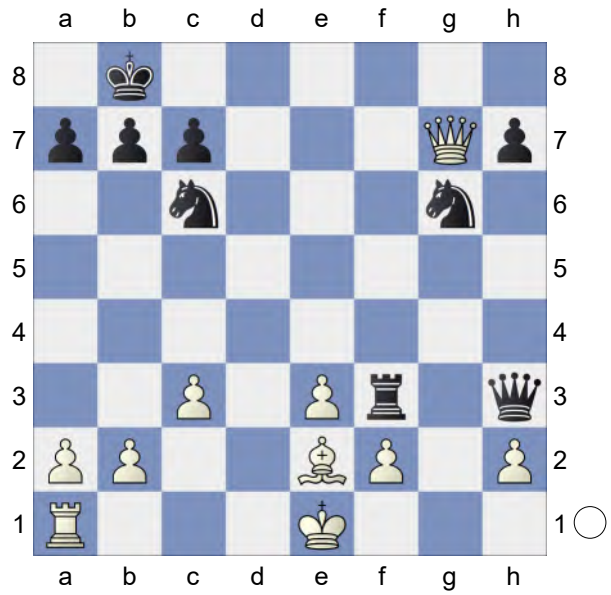


Strongly threatening ...Ng6. **16.Rxf7 Ng6 17.Qg5** Prevents Nce5. **17...Qh3 18.Rf6?** 0.00/24

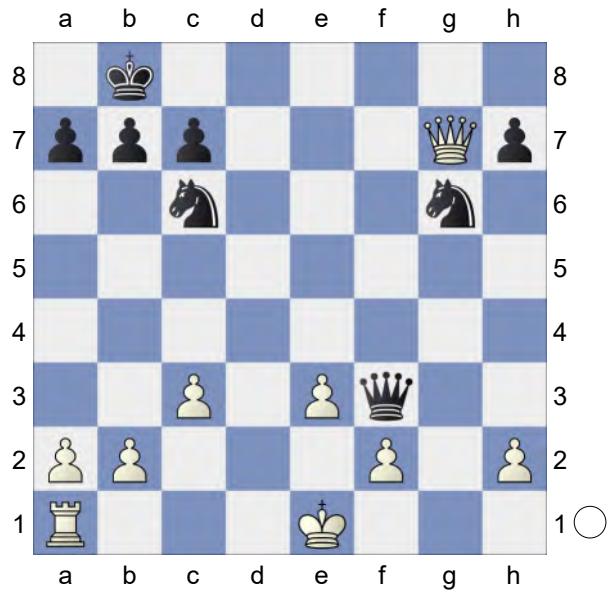
[18.Rd1+- 3.08/19]

18...Rxf6!= 19.Qxf6 Rf8 20.Qg7 Rxf3

1.09/16
[20...a6= 0.00/24]

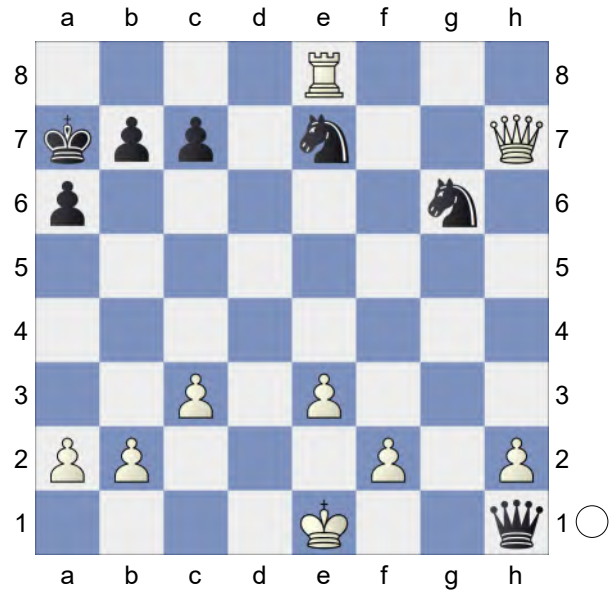


21.Bxf3± Qxf3

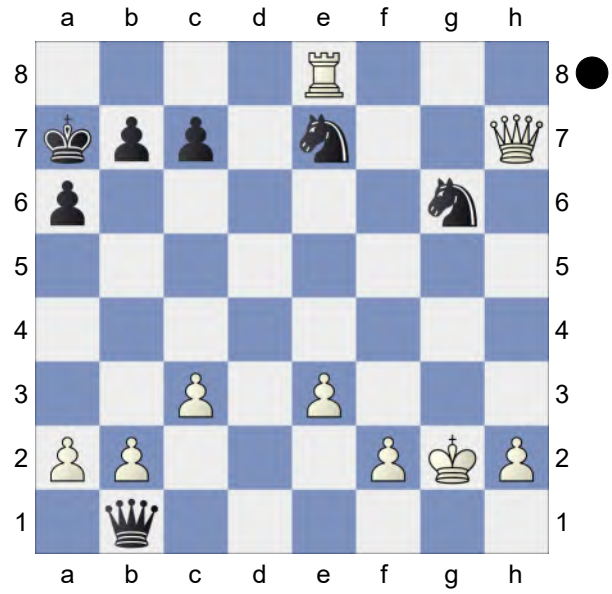


22.Qxh7 -0.25/21
[22.Qg8+!± 0.89/22 Nf8 23.Rd1]
22...Nce7 0.31/24
[22...a5= -0.25/21 23.Rd1 *(23.Qxg6? Qh1+ 24.Kd2 Qxa1-+)* 23...Nge5]
23.Rd1± a6 24.Rd8+ 0.00/22
[24.h4± 1.02/18 Threatens to win with h5. Qh1+ 25.Kd2]

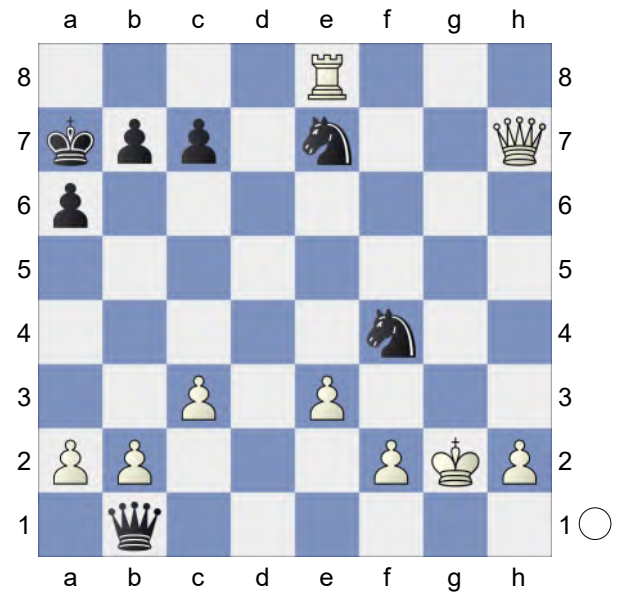
24...Ka7= 25.Re8 Qh1+



26.Ke2 Qe4 27.Kf1? -6.15/20
[27.Kd2= 0.00/28 Qf5 28.Rxe7 Qxf2+ 29.Kd3 Qf1+ 30.Kc2 Qe2+ 31.Kc1 *(31.Kb3? Qd1+ 32.Ka3 Qd6+ 33.Kb3 Nxe7-+)* 31...Qf1+ 32.Kd2 Qf2+]
27...Qb1+-+ 28.Kg2



Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.20 (precise)
28...Nf4+!
(Diagram)



Discovered Attack
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91 **A40**
□ **Stribuk,Artiom** **2408**
■ **Lana Rodriguez,D** **2382**
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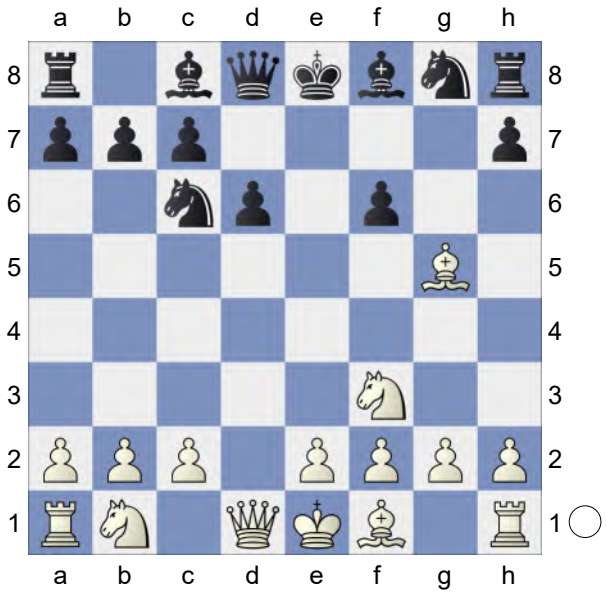
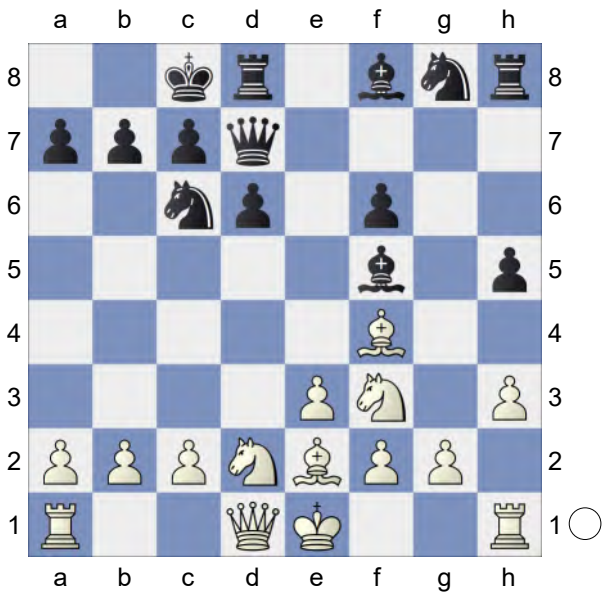
[Kitty Kat]

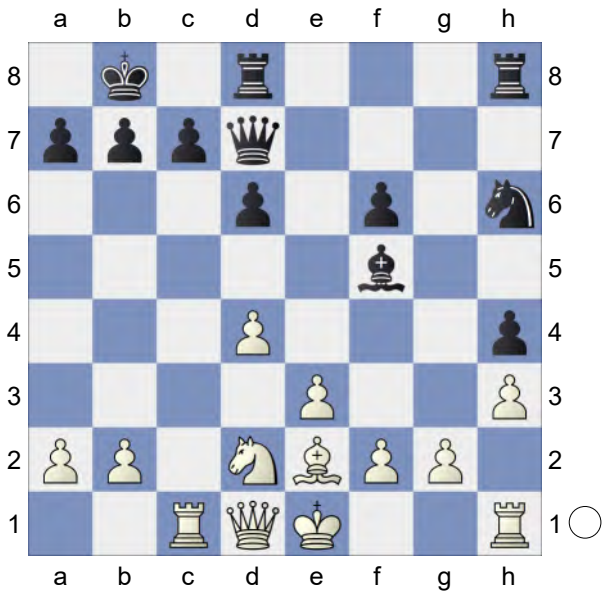
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 f6
[4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
5.exf6 gxf6N 1.93/22
[5...Nxf6± 1.26/22
A) 6.e3 Be7
A1) 7.Bd3 Be6 *(7...0-0 8.Nc3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Ne5 11.Qxb7 Rb8 12.Qxa7 Rxb2 13.0-0 Nxd3 14.cxd3 d5 15.Rab1 Rd2 16.Rb7 Rxd3 17.Rxc7* 19) Englund Gambit 1... e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023*)* 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3 g5 18.f4 Ng6 19.Bxh5 gxf4 20.Bg4 Qe5 21.exf4 Nxf4 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024;
A2) 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.c3 Bg4 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 Kh8 11.Qa4 Bh5 12.0-0 a6 13.Rfe1 b5 14.Qc2 Ne5 15.Rad1 Bg6 16.Qb3 Nxf3+ 17.Nxf3 Ng4 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.h3 Ne5 20.Qd5 Rad8 1-0 (64) Joven Jubilado (2554) - Yagermeistervariants (2508) Blitz 2024;
B) 6.Qd3 Be6]



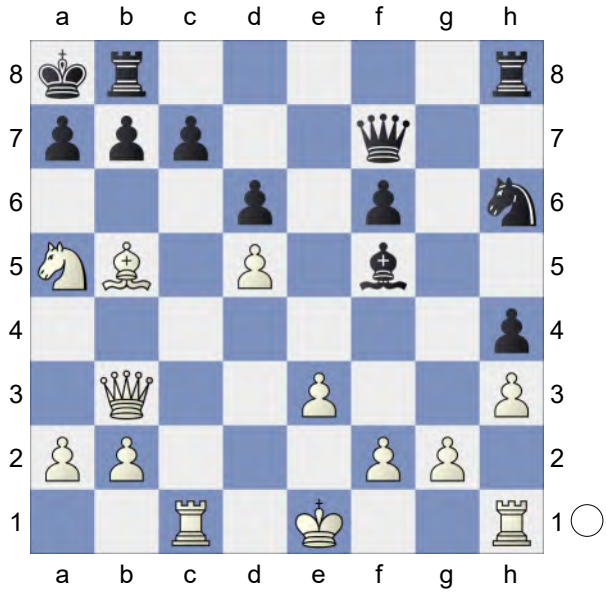
6.Bf4+- Bg4 7.e3 Qd7 8.Nbd2 1.50/20
[8.Be2+- 1.98/20]
8...0-0-0± 9.Be2 h5 10.h3 Bf5



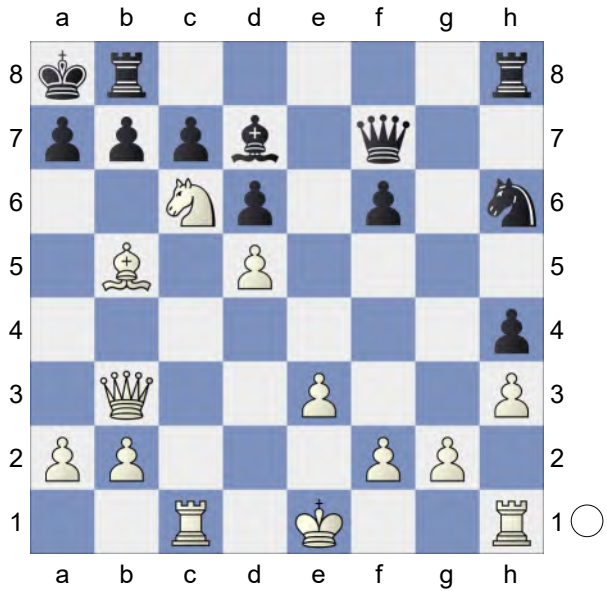
11.c3 Bh6 12.Bxh6 Nxh6 13.Nd4 Nxd4 14.cxd4 h4 15.Rc1 Kb8



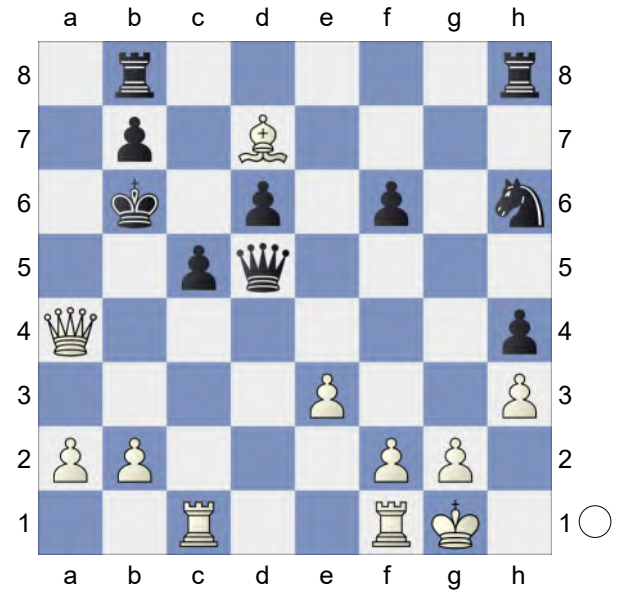
16.Qb3 A mistake that costs the game.
16...Be6 2.15/20 Inhibits e4.
[16...d5± 0.93/19]
17.d5+- Bf5 3.13/20
[17...Bf7 2.04/19 18.0-0 Rdg8]
18.Nc4→ 1.72/23 White attacks with force.
[⌓18.Nf3 3.13/20]
18...Ka8? 3.48/20
[18...c5 1.72/23 was called for. 19.Na5 *(19.dxc6 Qxc6 20.Qd1 Qxg2±)* 19...Ka8]
19.Na5 Rb8 20.Bb5 Qf7



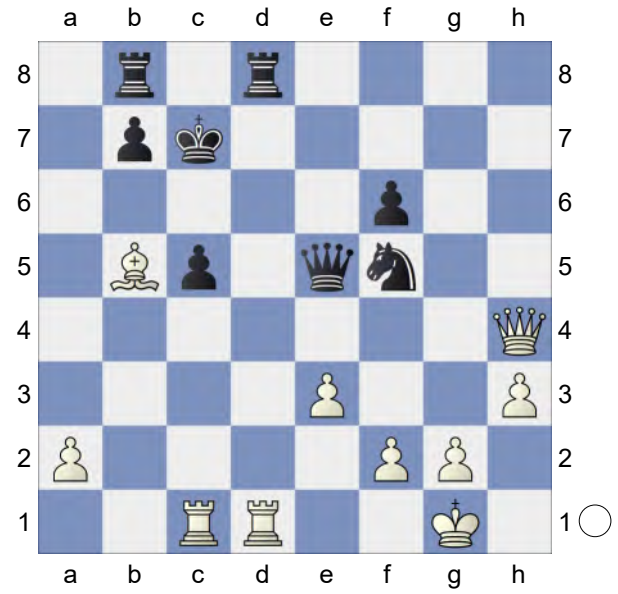
21.Nc6 Nxa7! would now be deadly.
21...Bd7? 6.78/19
[21...a6 3.88/18 22.Qa4 *(22.Nxb8 axb5 23.Nc6 bxc6+-)* 22...Bc8 23.Nxb8 Kxb8]



22.Nxa7! Discovered Attack, Decoy
22...Kxa7 23.Qa4+ Kb6 24.Bxd7 Qxd5 25.0-0 c5 8.38/21
[⌓25...Rbg8 4.59/19 26.Qb4+ *(26.Qxh4? Qxg2#)* 26...Ka7]



26.Rfd1
[26.Qxh4 Rbg8 27.f3 *(27.Qxf6? Qxg2#)* 27...Kc7=]
26...Qe5 Black is weak on the light squares **27.b4 Kc7 28.bxc5 dxc5 29.Bb5** White threatens Qa5+ and mate. **29...Rhd8 30.Qxh4 Nf5**



31.Qh7+ Ne7 32.Be2 Rxd1+ 33.Rxd1 Rd8 34.Rxd8 Kxd8 Endgame KQB-KQN. White is two pawns up. **35.Qd3+ Kc7**

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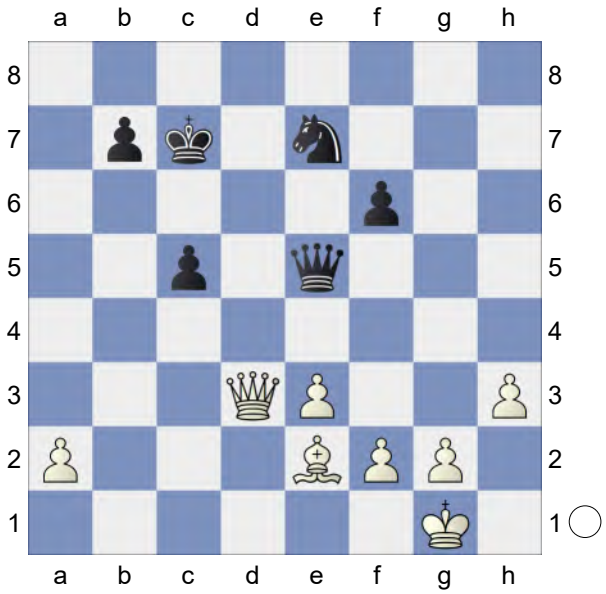
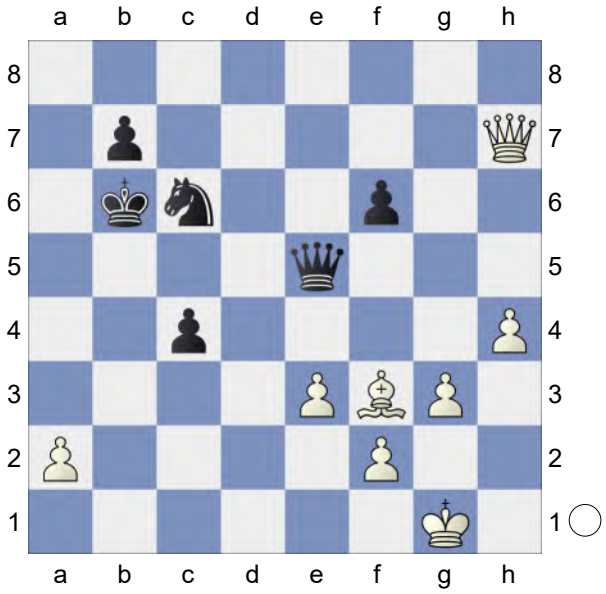
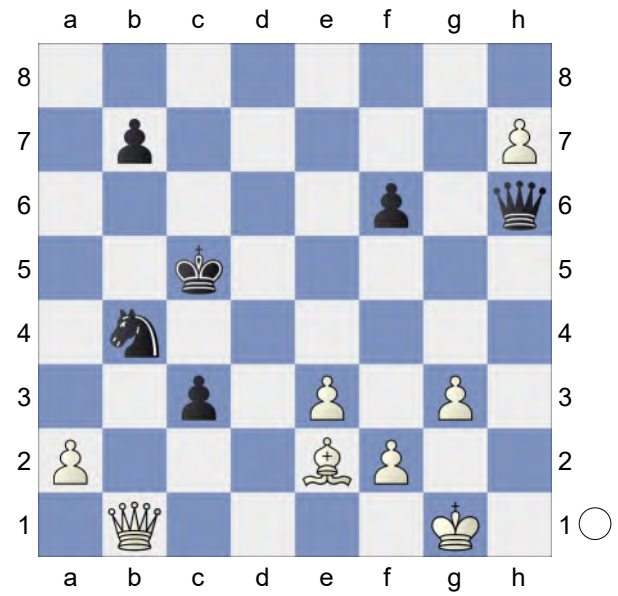


36.Qc2 Nc6 37.g3 Nb4 38.Qh7+ Kb6 39.Bf3 Nc6 40.h4 c4



41.h5 c3 42.h6 Qg5 7.41/20
[⌓42...f5 4.50/16]
43.Qb1+ Kc5 44.h7 Qh6 45.Be2 Nb4

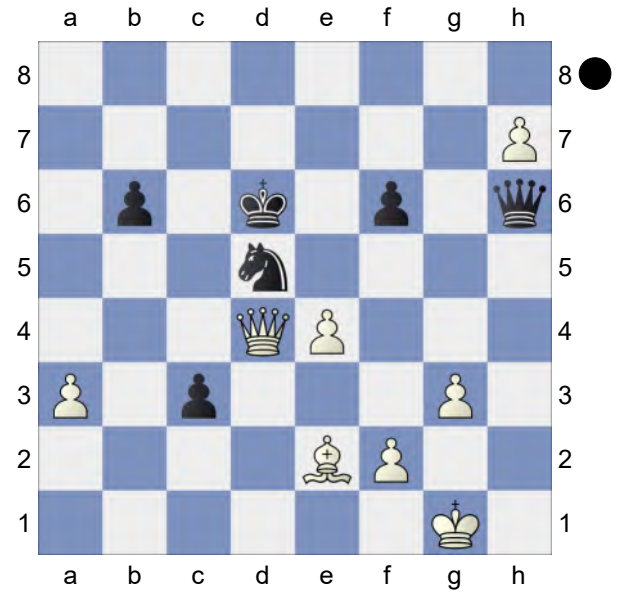
(Diagram)



46.a3 Nd5 47.Qd3 b6 48.Qd4+ 17.43/20

[⌓48.Bf3 #16/19 Kd6 49.Qxd5+ *(49.Bxd5 c2+-)* 49...Ke7 50.Qb7+ Kd6 51.Qxb6+ Ke7 52.Qc7+ Ke6 53.Bg4+ *(53.Qxc3 Qxh7 54.Qb3+ Kf5 55.Qd3+ Ke6 56.Qxh7 f5 57.Qg6+ Kd7 58.Bc6+ Kc7)* 53...f5 54.Qb6+ *(54.Qxc3 Qxh7 55.Qc6+ Kf7+-)* 54...Ke7 55.Qxh6]

48...Kd6 49.e4



Pin **49...c2 50.Qxd5+ Ke7**

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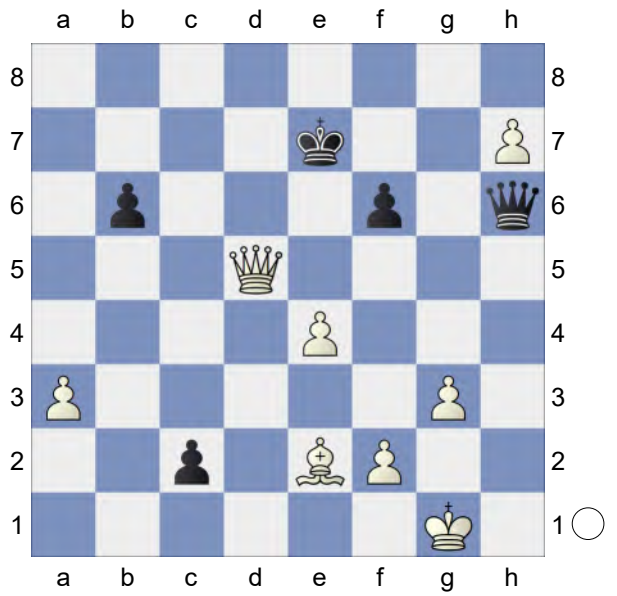

51.Qb7+ Ke6 52.Qc8+ Ke5 53.Qc3+

[53.h8R c1Q+ 54.Bf1 Qxc8 55.Rxc8 Kxe4±]

53...Kxe4 54.Qxc2+ 15.07/16

[⌓54.Qc6+ #10/15 Kf5 55.Qd5+ *(55.Qxb6? loses. c1Q+ 56.Bf1 Qxh7-+; 55.Qxc2+ Ke5+-)* 55...Kg6 56.Bd3+ f5 57.Bxf5+ Kg7 58.Qg8+ *(58.Bxc2 Qh3 59.Qg8+ Kf6 60.Qd8+ Kf7 61.Bb3+ Kg6 62.Qf8 Kg5 63.Bc2 Qxg3+ 64.fxg3 Kh5 65.h8Q+ Kg5 66.Qh4#)* 58...Kf6 59.Qe6+ *(59.h8R? gets mated. c1Q+ 60.Kg2 Qch1#)* 59...Kg7 60.Qe7+ *(60.Qxh6+ Kxh6 61.h8Q+ Kg5 62.Bxc2 Kg4 63.Qh4+ Kf3 64.Qh5#)* 60...Kh8 61.Qe5+ *(61.Bxc2 Qc1+ 62.Kg2 Qxc2+-)* 61...Qg7 62.Qe8+ Qf8 63.Qxf8#]

54...Kd4 55.Qd3+ Ke5

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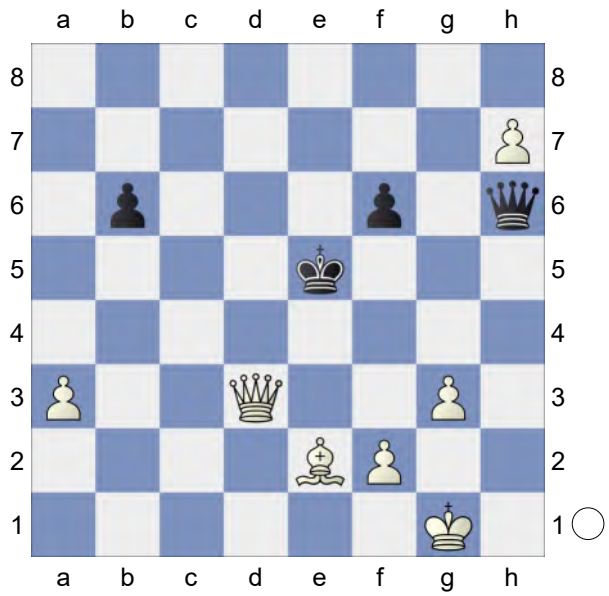
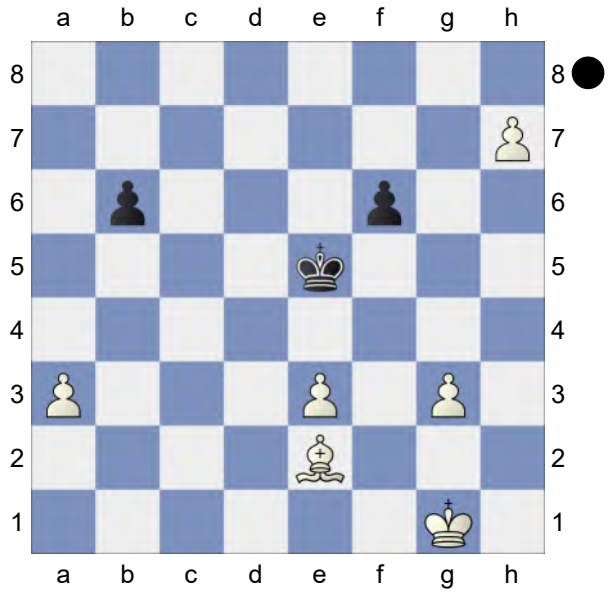


56.Qe3+ 14.78/18
[⌓56.Qd7 #6/15 f5 57.f4+ Kf6 58.Bc4 Qh2+ 59.Kxh2 Kg6 60.Qf7+ Kh6 61.h8Q#]
56...Qxe3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.70
57.fxe3



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92 **A40**
□ **Woodward,Andy** **2530**
■ **Shearsby,Jude** **2249**
Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3
[3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]
3...Nc6 4.Bf4N
[4.Bg5 Be7 *(4...f6 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 Bf5 9.0-0* 13) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit with 3...d6 #1*)* 5.Bxe7 Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Rxb7 Rxd1+ 21.Nxd1 1-0 Kruse,E (1264)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0298 www.desc-online.de 1999]
4...f6 5.exd6 cxd6 1.56/17
[⌓5...Bxd6 1.03/17 6.Bxd6 cxd6]

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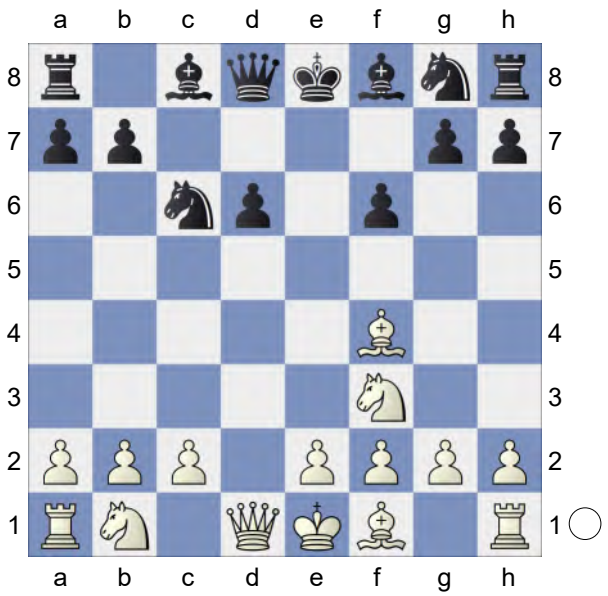
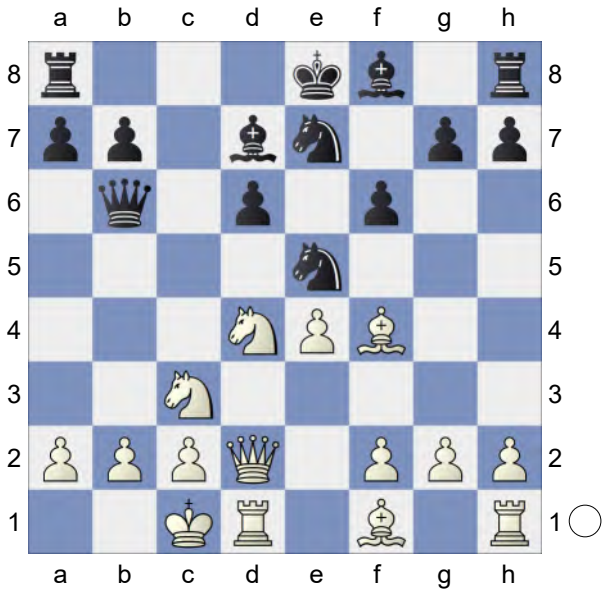


6.Nc3 White is more active. **6...Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4** White is clearly better. **8...Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6** 2.76/20

[9...a6 1.93/16 was called for. 10.Nf5 Discovered Attack Bxf5]

10.0-0-0 Ne7



11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+

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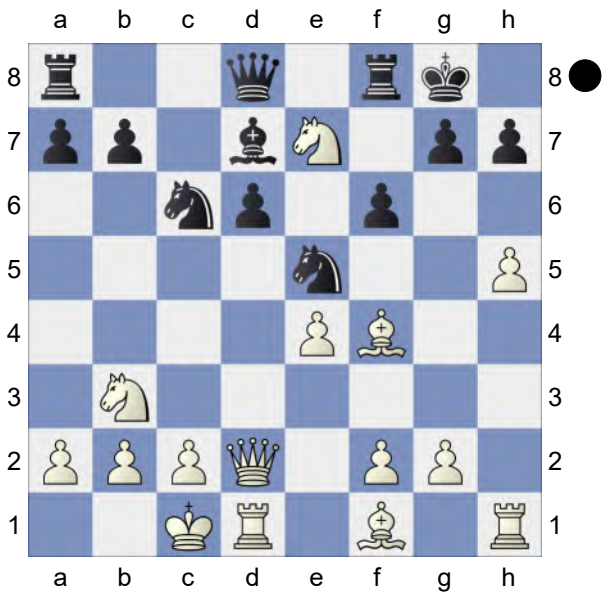
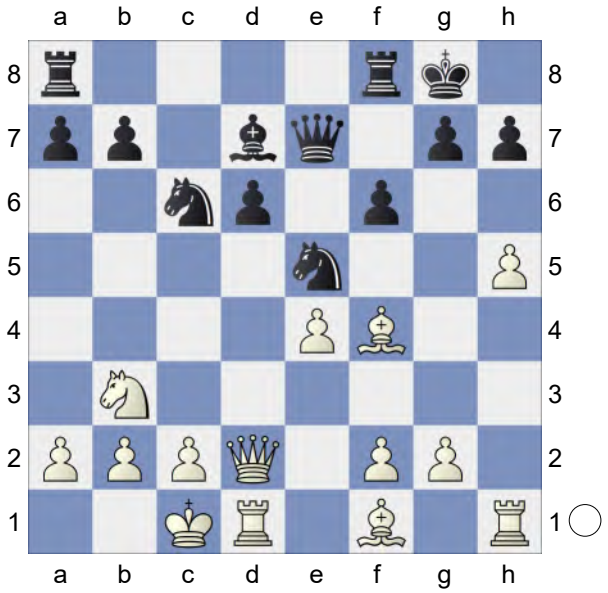


Discovered Attack **15...Qxe7**



16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6? 6.83/23

[17...Bg4 3.38/19 18.Bxe5 *(18.hxg7 Rf7+-)* 18...Qxe5 19.Bc4+ Kh8 20.hxg7+ Kxg7]

18.Nc5 White is clearly winning. **18...Rd8 19.Nxb7 Rb8 20.Nc5 Rf7**

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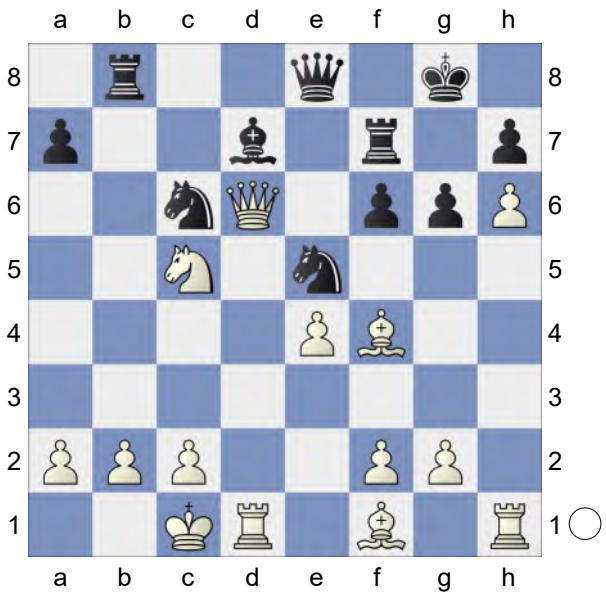
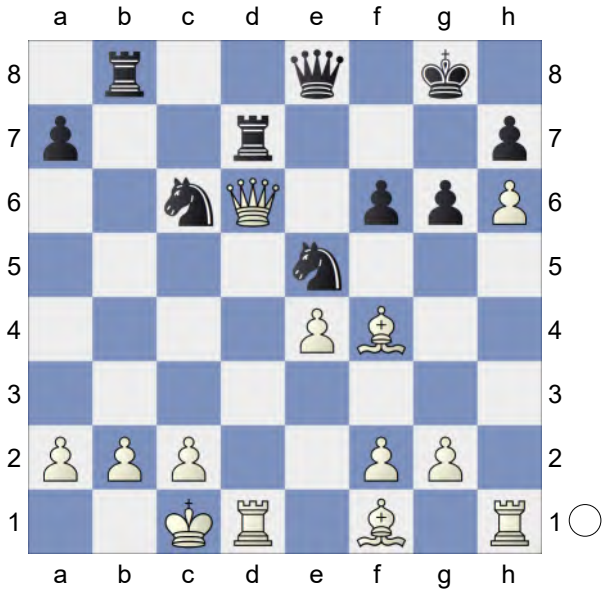
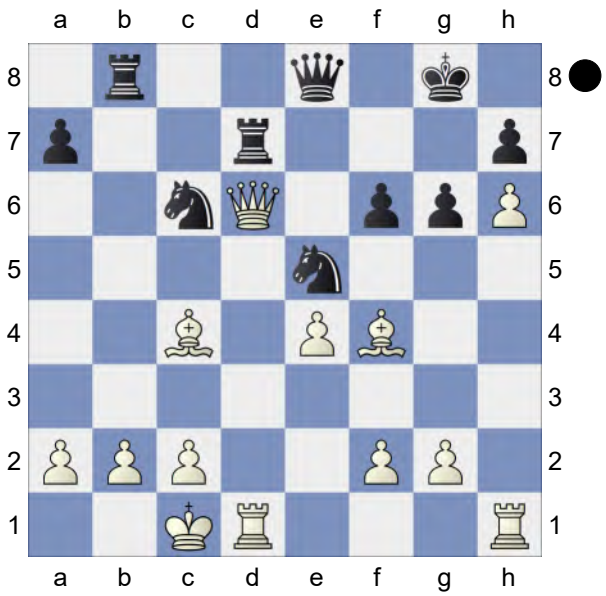


21.Nxd7 Rxd7



22.Bc4+!

(Diagram)



Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.78
1-0

93 **A40**
□ **Shishkov,A** **2340**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
Titled Tue 23rd Jan Early blitz (8)
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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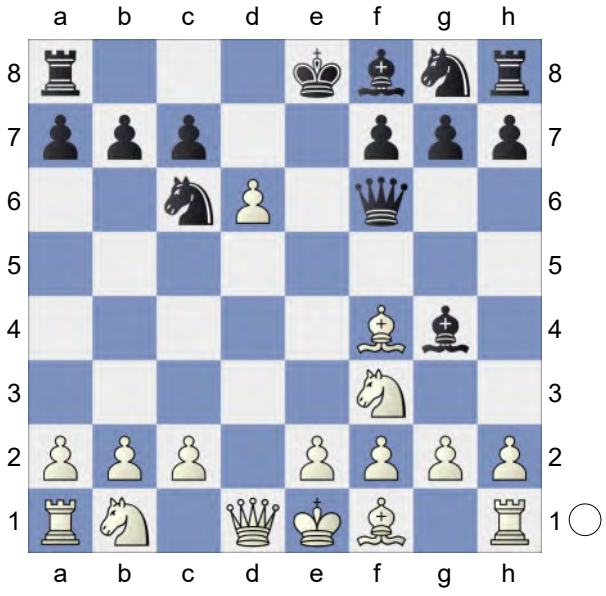
[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Bg4 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7*

8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)) 4.Bg5 f6 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 Be6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3 g5 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024]

3...Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4N

[4...f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 19.Nxb7 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]

5.exd6 Qf6



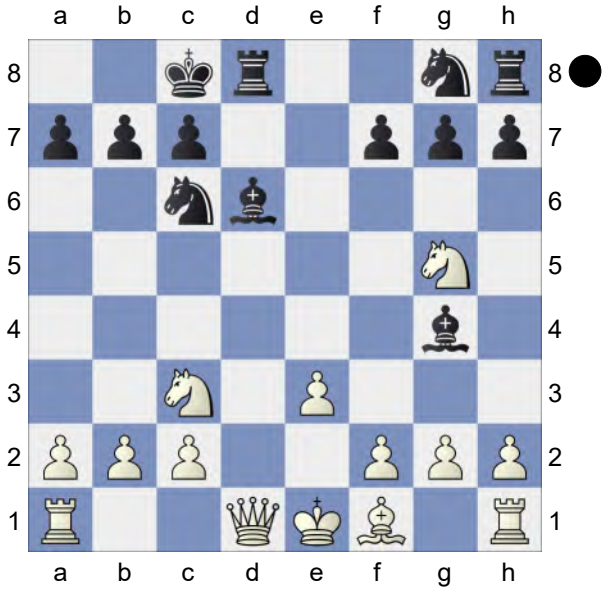
6.e3 Bxd6 7.Nc3 -0.29/20

[7.Bxd6± 0.98/19 Ba3 would now be deadly. Bxf3 8.gxf3 *(8.Qxf3 Qxb2 9.Qe4+ Kd7±)* 8...Qxb2 9.Nd2 cxd6 10.Rb1]

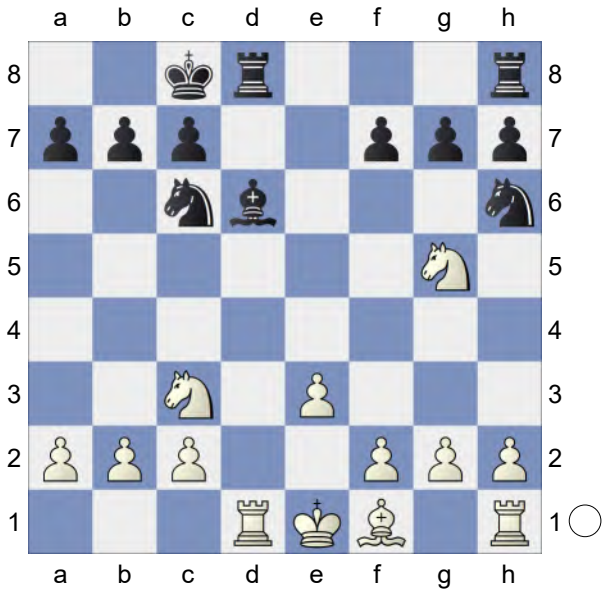
7...0-0-0? 2.10/19

[7...Bxf4= -0.29/20 8.exf4 Qe7+ 9.Qe2 Bxf3 10.gxf3 0-0-0]

8.Bg5+- White is clearly better. **8...Qxg5 9.Nxg5**

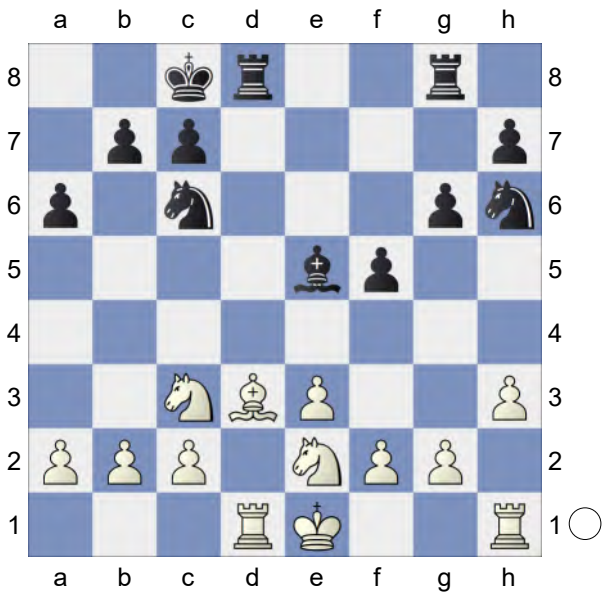


Discovered Attack **9...Bxd1 10.Rxd1 Nh6**

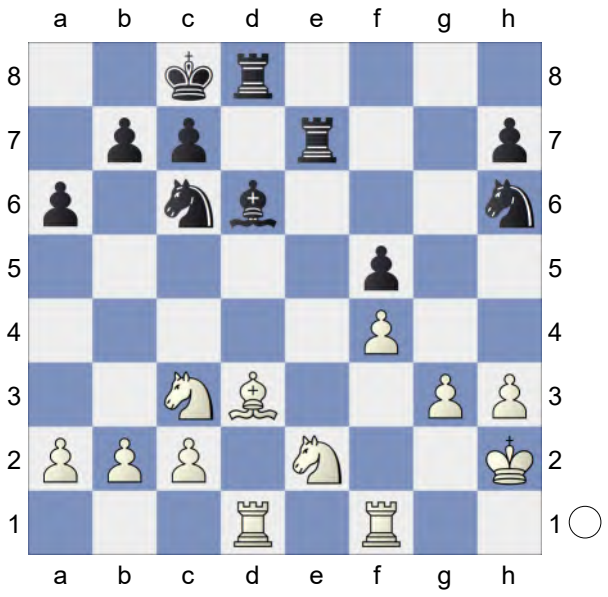


11.Nge4 Be5 12.Bd3 f5 13.Ng3 g6 14.Nge2 a6 15.h3 Rhg8 1.56/18

[Black should try 15...Rhe8 1.20/17 16.Bc4 Rxd1+ 17.Kxd1 Na5]



16.0-0 g5 2.04/17
[16...Rge8± 1.43/18 17.Bc4 b5]
17.f4 gxf4 18.exf4 Bd6 19.Kh2 Rg7 20.g3 Re7



21.Rf2 Rde8 2.39/20
[21...Bc5± 1.58/18 22.Rf3 Red7]
22.Ng1 Nd4 23.Nce2 Bc5 24.Nxd4 1.15/15
[24.Rg2+- 2.16/18]
24...Bxd4± 25.Rg2 Re6? 2.90/22
[25...Bxb2± 1.12/16 26.g4 fxg4]

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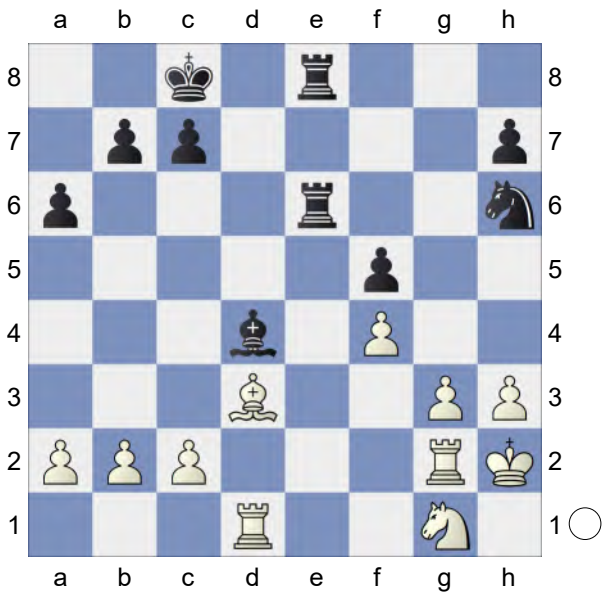
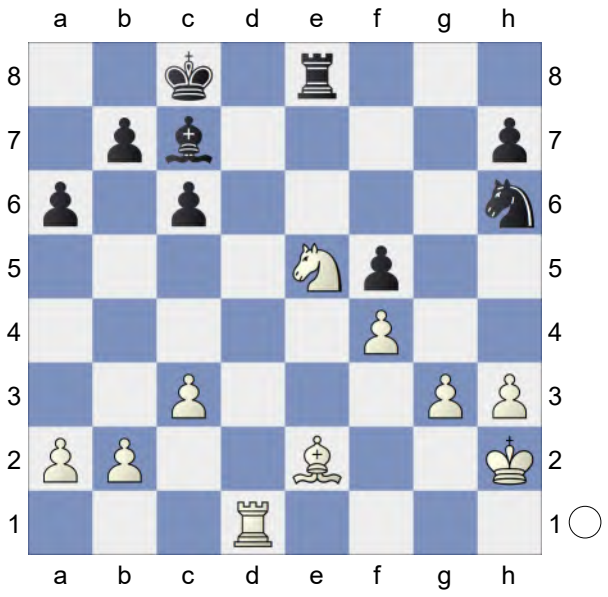


26.c3 Bb6 27.Nf3 Re3 28.Ne5 c6 4.69/22
[⌓28...Bc5 3.16/20 29.Rgd2 Be7]
29.Re2 Rxe2+ 30.Bxe2 Bc7



31.Bh5 Re7 32.Re1 Ng8 33.Kg2 Nf6 34.Bf3 Bxe5? 4.43/21
[34...Nd7 1.93/19 is a better defense. 35.Nd3 *(35.g4 Nxe5 36.fxe5 Bxe5±)* 35...Kd8 36.Rxe7 Kxe7]
35.Rxe5+- Rxe5

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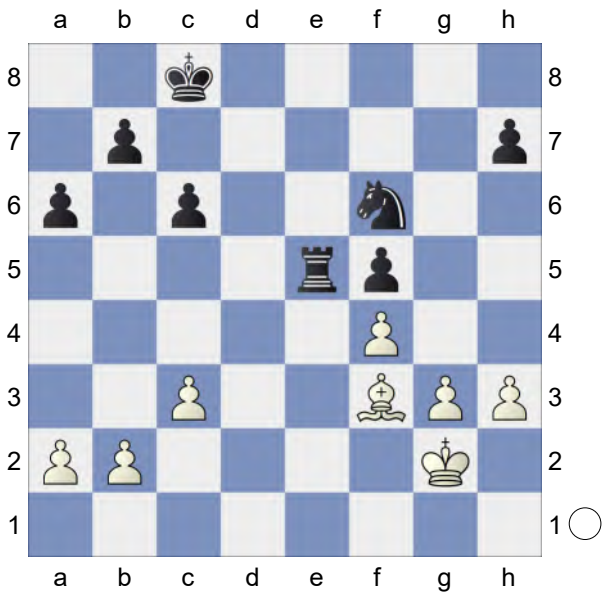
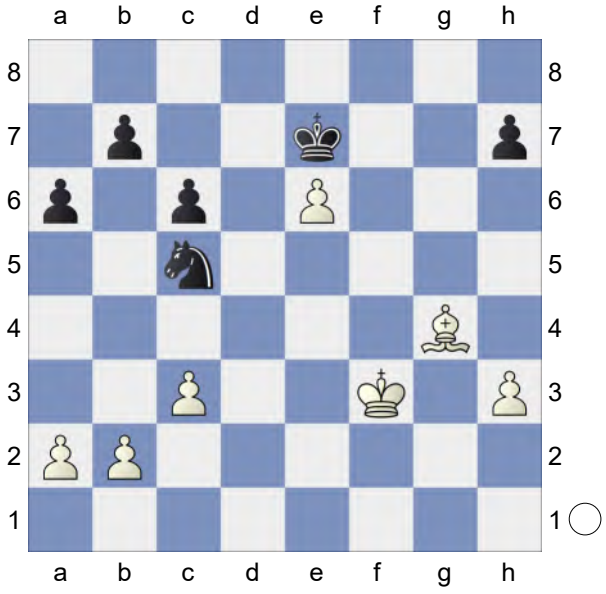
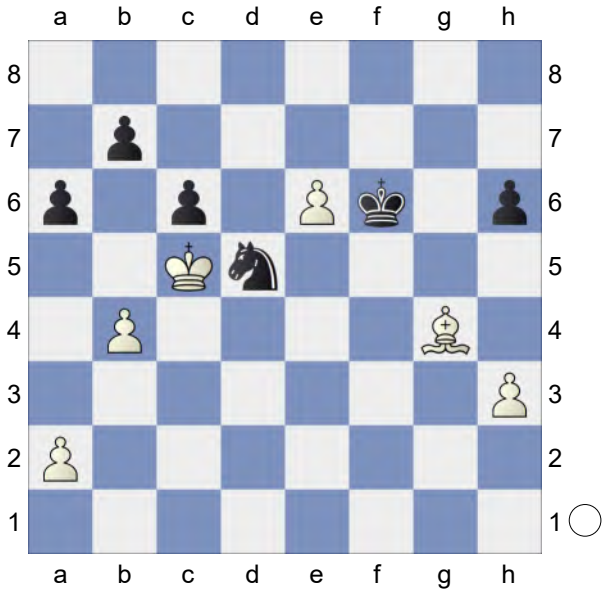


36.fxe5 Endgame KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **36...Nd7 37.e6 Nc5 38.g4 fxg4 39.Bxg4 Kd8 40.Kf3** 1.29/22
[40.Bf5+- 2.47/23]
40...Ke7



41.Kf4 0.13/27
[41.Bf5!+- 1.61/24]
41...Kf6 1.03/21
[41...Na4= 0.13/27]
42.b4± Na4 43.Ke4 -0.02/27
[Better is 43.c4± 1.05/24]
43...Nxc3+= 44.Kd4 Nd5 0.84/24
[44...Nxa2= 0.00/25 remains equal. 45.Kc4 Nc1]
45.Kc5± h6? 6.29/23
[45...Ke7± 0.43/19]



46.a3? 0.24/20
[46.Kd6+- 6.29/23 Ne7 47.Be2]
46...Ke7= 47.a4 Ne3? 3.15/27
[47...Nc3!± 0.43/28]
48.b5?? -7.35/20
[Resist 48.Kb6?! Nd5+ 49.Kxb7 Nxb4±]
[48.a5+- 3.15/27]
48...axb5-+ ...Nxg4 is the strong threat. Black is clearly winning. **49.axb5 Nxg4 50.hxg4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.62
50...cxb5

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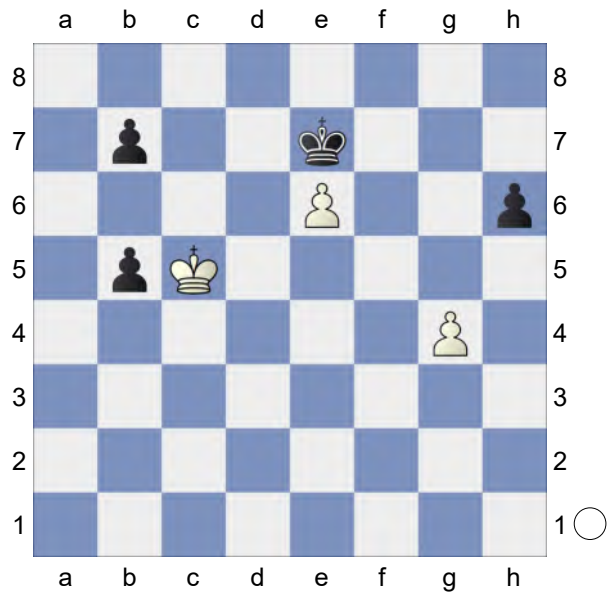

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94 **A40**
□ **Tsatsalashvili,K** **2315**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
Titled Tue 20th Feb Early blitz (8)
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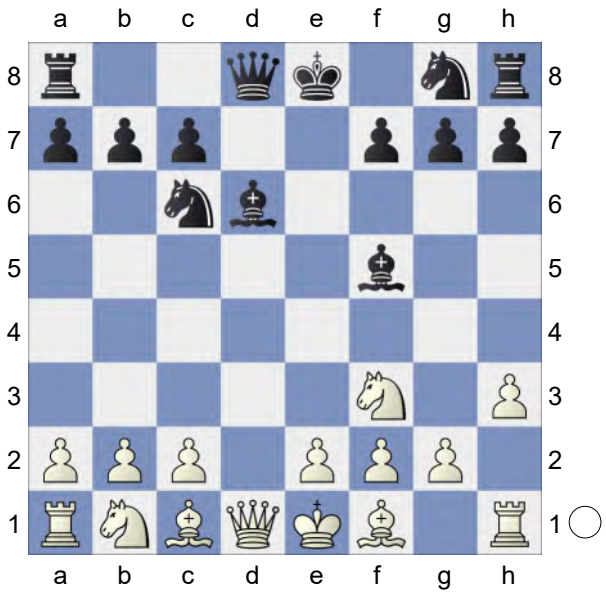
3...Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.h3N
[5.Nc3
A) 5...Bg4 6.e3 *(6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6* 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3) *)* 6...Qe7 7.Be2 0-0-0 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.0-0 h5 10.h3 *(10.Qe1 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Bxh2+ 12.Kxh2 Ng4+ 13.Kh3 Qd6 14.g3 Qxd2 15.Qxd2 Rxd2* 3) Charlick Gambit Accepted â-6.Beg. Charlick Gambit Accept Pressure 1.d4: Hartlaub-Charlick Gambit 2025*)* 10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qe5 12.g3 h4 13.Bg4+ Nxg4 14.Qxg4+ f5 15.Qf4 Qe6 3) Charlick Gambit Accepted â-8. Beg. Charlick Gambit Accept Pressure 1.d4: Hartlaub-Charlick Gambit 2025;
B) 5...Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 19.Rd6 Be6 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998 20.Bc4 Rcd8 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.Rxd8+ Nxd8 23.Rd1 Rb6+ 24.Kc1 Bb2+ 25.Kd2 Bf6 26.Bc7 Ra6 27.Bxd8 Bxd8 28.Kc1 Bf6 29.Rd7 Rxa2 30.Rxb7 Ra4 31.Nd2 Bc3 32.Rb3 Ra1+ 33.Nb1 Be1 34.Kb2 Ra5 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L

(1200) 73/299 Linares 1998 35.f3 Kg7 36.Rb7 Bf2 37.e4 Kf6 38.Nc3 Ke6 39.Rb8 g4 40.Kb3 gxf3 41.gxf3 f5 42.Nd5 fxe4 43.fxe4 Ra1 44.Nf4+ Kd7 45.Ra8 Be3 46.Nd3 Ra6 47.Ne5+ Kc7 48.Re8 Rh6 49.c3 Rh3 ½-½ (54) Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) V0041 www.desc-online.de 1999]

[5.e4 Bg4 6.Be2 Qe7 7.Nc3 0-0-0 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.0-0 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Qxe4 11.Bd3 Bxf3 12.Bxe4 Bxd1 13.Raxd1 Ne5 14.Bc3 g6 15.f4 Nc4 16.Bxh8 Rxh8 17.Rfe1 Rd8 18.b3 Nb6 19.c4 Re8 1-0 (32) Bashirli,S (1986)-Nevska,G (1863) Swiss Queens Wed #44 blitz 2024 (11)]

5...Bf5



6.Nbd2 0.45/18

[6.Nc3± 0.91/17]

6...Qe7± 7.e3 0-0-0 8.Bb5 0.06/18 White is slightly better.

[8.Bd3± 0.55/17 Bg6! 9.Bxg6 -0.05/18 *(9.a3± 0.44/18)* 9...hxg6= 10.c3 -0.54/17 *(10.Qe2!= 0.12/19)*]

8...Nb4 0.58/19

[8...Ne5!= 0.06/18]

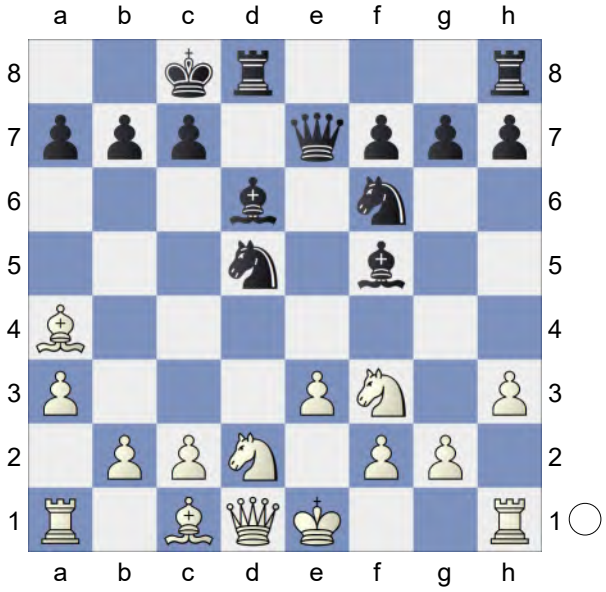
[8...Ne5!= 0.16/21]

9.Ba4 0.02/19

[9.Nd4± 0.53/18 Bg6! 10.a3 Prevents c5.]

[9.Nd4± 0.58/19 Bg6 10.0-0]

9...Nf6= 10.a3 Nbd5



next ...Nxe3! is good for Black. **11.Qe2**

[11.0-0!?]

11...c6 0.21/20

[11...Nb6!∓ -0.43/18 12.Bb3 Ne4 0.99/18 *(12...Rhe8∓ -0.41/18)*]

[11...Nb6∓ -0.41/19 12.Bb3 c6]

12.Nd4!↑ White has the initiative. White is more active. **12...Bg6**

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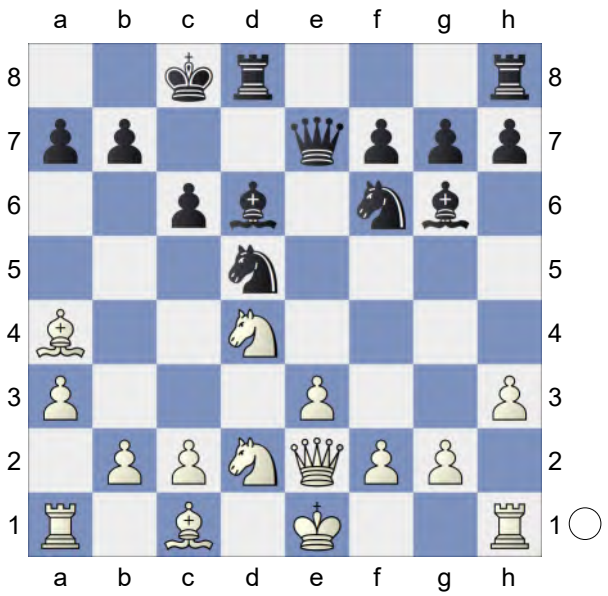
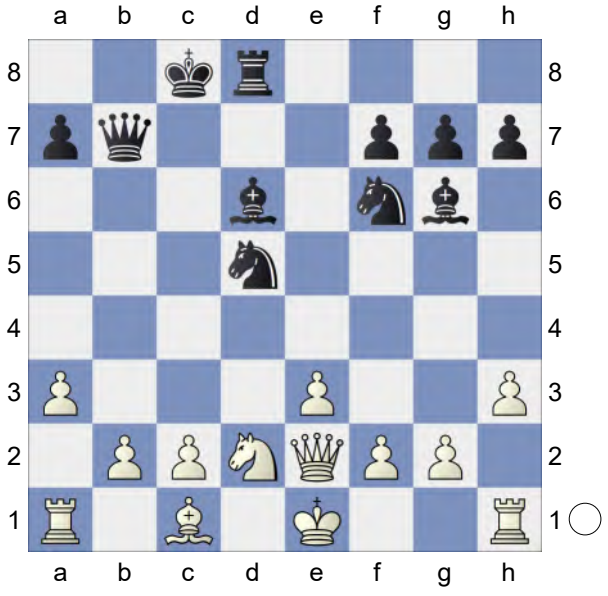


13.Bxc6 Demolition **13...bxc6**
[13...Nxe3 simplifies 14.Bf3 Nxc2+ 15.Nxc2 Qxe2+ 16.Bxe2 Bxc2 17.0-0 Bc7]
14.Nxc6 Qb7 15.Nxd8 Rxd8



16.0-0 Bxc2 1.06/19
[16...Bc7= 0.10/18]
[16...Bc7= 0.00/19]
17.Nc4± Qb3

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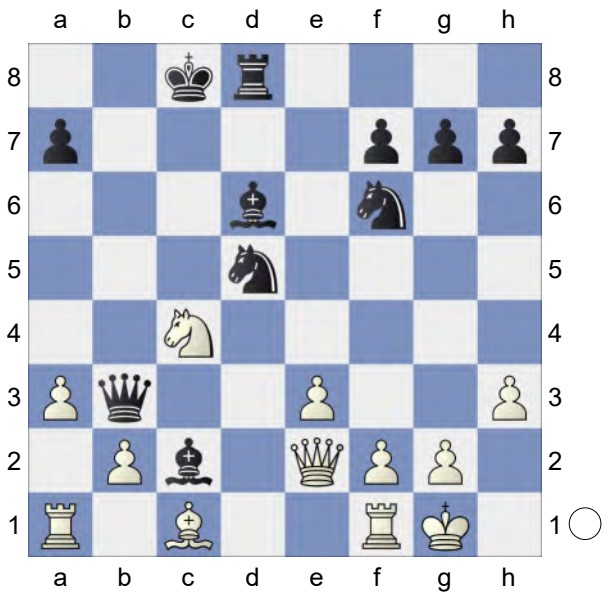
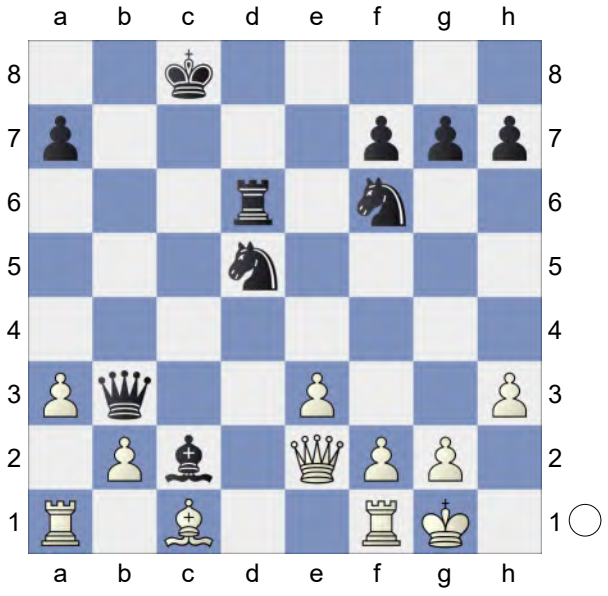
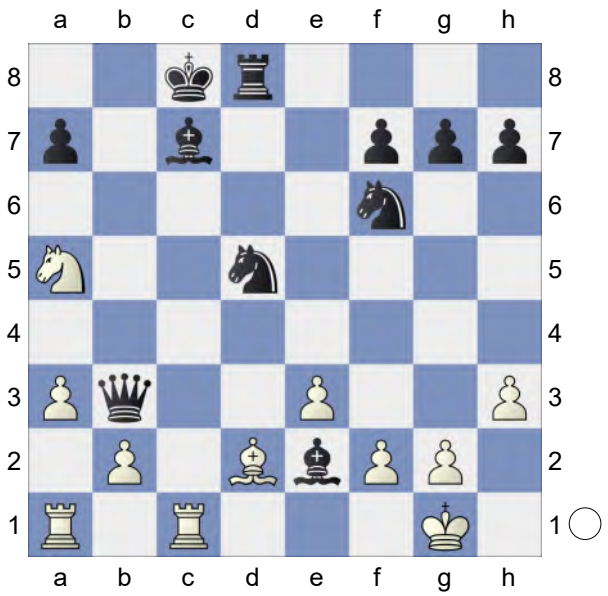


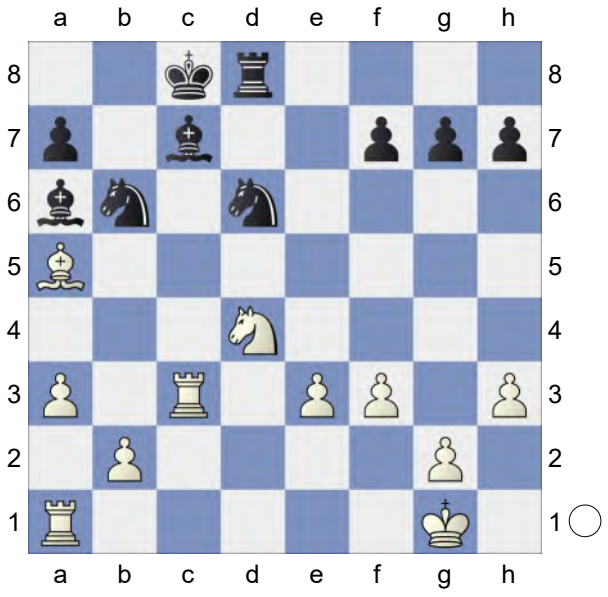
18.Bd2 0.58/21
[White should play 18.Nxd6+!± 1.36/20 Rxd6



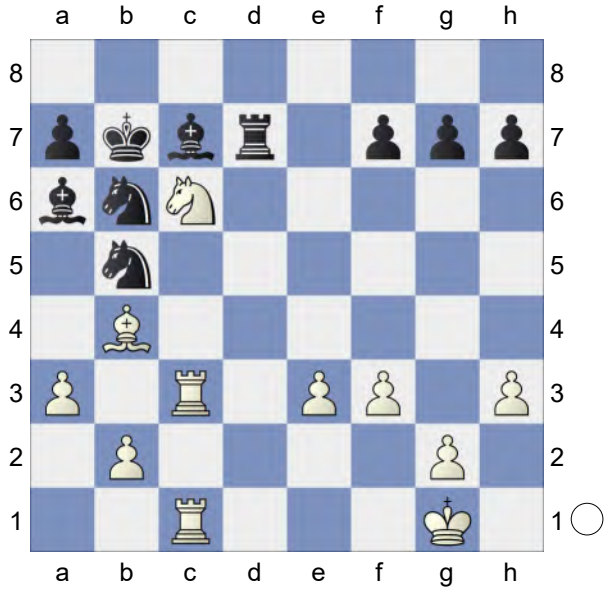
19.f3!]
18...Bc7 19.Rfc1 0.42/19
[19.Na5± 0.83/21 Qxb2 *(19...Qd3 20.Qxd3 Bxd3 21.Rfc1±)* 20.Qa6+ Kd7 21.Rfc1 *(21.Qxa7 Ne4=)*]
19...Bd3!± 20.Na5! Bxe2 1.08/22
[20...Qb5± 0.51/20 21.Qd1 Threatens to win with Nc6. Qxb2]
[20...Qb5± 0.42/21 21.Qd1 Qxb2]



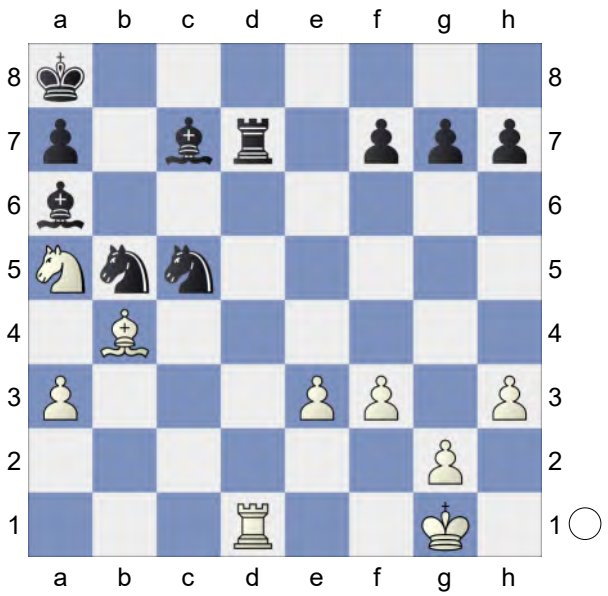
21.Nxb3± Ne4 1.56/18
[⌓21...Kb7 1.09/18]
22.Ba5 Nb6 23.Nd4 Bd3 24.f3
[24.Nc6 Rd6]
24...Nd6 25.Rc3 0.92/19
[⌓25.Nc6 1.59/19 Re8 26.Bc3 *(26.Nxa7+ Kb7=)*]
25...Ba6



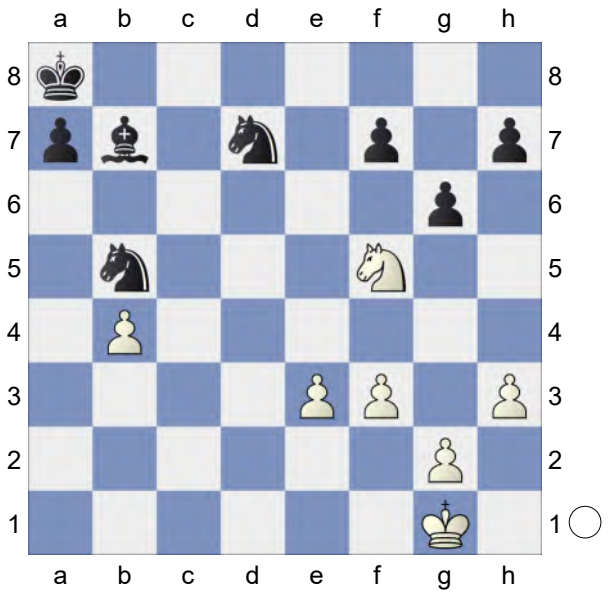
26.Rac1 Rd7 27.Nc6 Kb7! 28.Bb4 -0.16/21
[28.Rd1± 0.94/20]
[White should play 28.Ne5± 0.90/22 Re7 29.Nc6]
28...Nb5 0.94/22
[28...Ndc4= -0.16/18 29.Na5+ Nxa5 30.Bxa5 Bd8]
[28...Ndc4= -0.16/21 keeps the balance. 29.Na5+ Nxa5 30.Bxa5 Bb5]
29.Na5+ Kb8 30.Nc6+ Kb7



31.Na5+ Ka8 32.Rc5 Na4 1.39/23
[Better is 32...g6 0.91/19]
[Black should try 32...h6 1.03/19]
33.Rf5? -1.15/21
[33.R5c2± 0.94/16 33.Rc6 1.42]
[33.Rc6± 1.39/23 keeps the pressure on. Bb7 34.R6c2]
33...Nxb2∓ 34.Rfc5? -3.30/21
[34.Rh5∓ -1.39/19 was necessary. h6 35.Rxc7 -1.92/24 *(35.Nb3∓ -1.07/17 Nd3 36.Nc5 Nxc5 37.Rhxc5)* 35...Nxc7? -0.36/19 *(35...Rxc7? 36.Rd5-+; 35...Rxc7-+* -1.92/24 *36.Rd5 Kb8 37.Rd8+ Bc8)* 36.Bc3!]
[34.Rh5∓ -0.81/19]
34...Nd3-+ Deflection, Double Attack
35.Rd1 -5.06/21
[⌓35.Nb3 -3.27/19]
[35.Rxc7 -3.31/19 keeps fighting. Rxc7 36.Rxc7 Nxc7 37.Bd6]
35...Nxc5



Discovered Attack. Excellent horsemanship. **36.Rxd7 Nxd7 37.Nc6 Bb7 38.Ne7 Bd6 39.Nf5 Bxb4 40.axb4 g6**



41.Nh6 f5 42.Nf7 Nb8 43.Ng5 Nc6 44.Nxh7 Nxb4 White must now prevent ...a5. Hoping for ...a5. **45.Nf8 a5**

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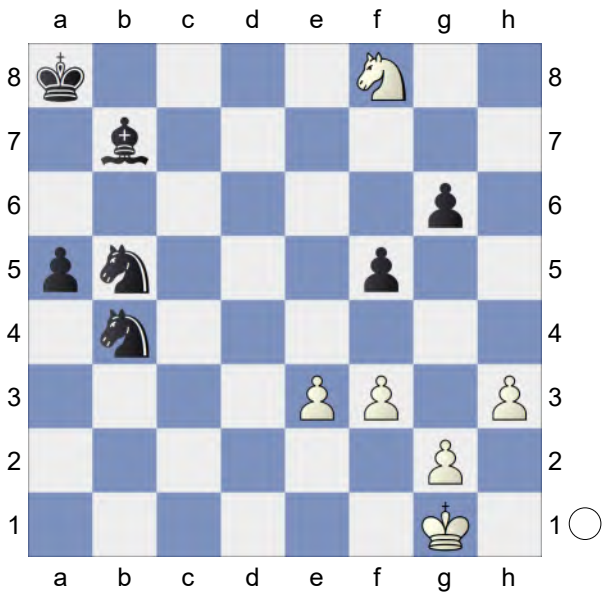
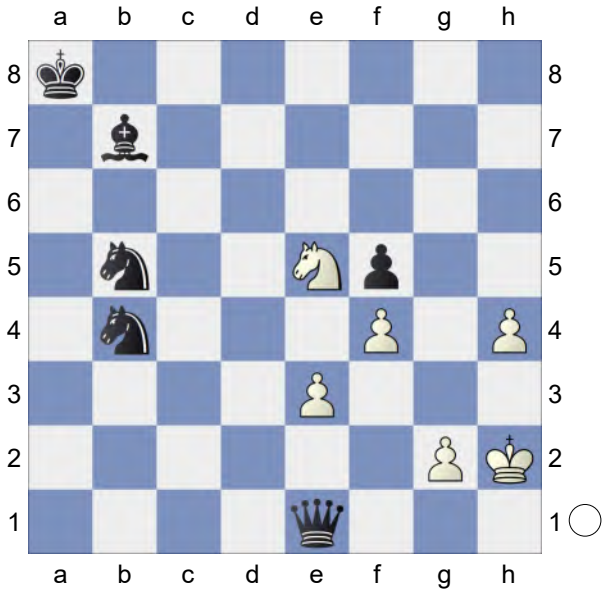


46.Nxg6 a4 47.Ne5 a3 48.h4 a2 49.Kh2 a1Q 50.f4 Qe1



Black mates. Black mates. **51.Nf3 Qf2 52.Kh3 Bxf3 53.gxf3 Qxf3+ 54.Kh2 Qg4 55.h5 Qxh5+**

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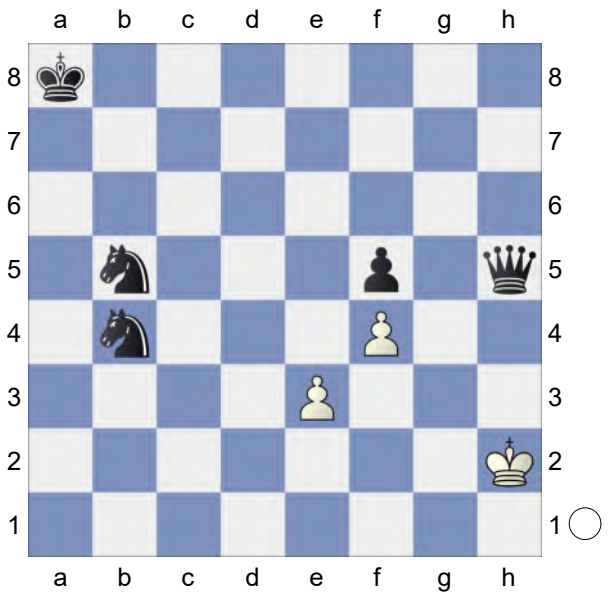
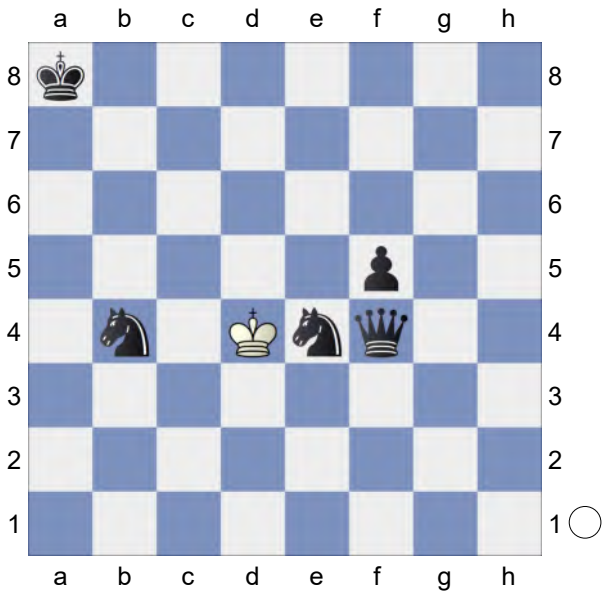


56.Kg3 Qg4+ 57.Kf2 Nc3 58.e4 Nxe4+ 59.Ke3 Qg3+ 60.Kd4 Qxf4



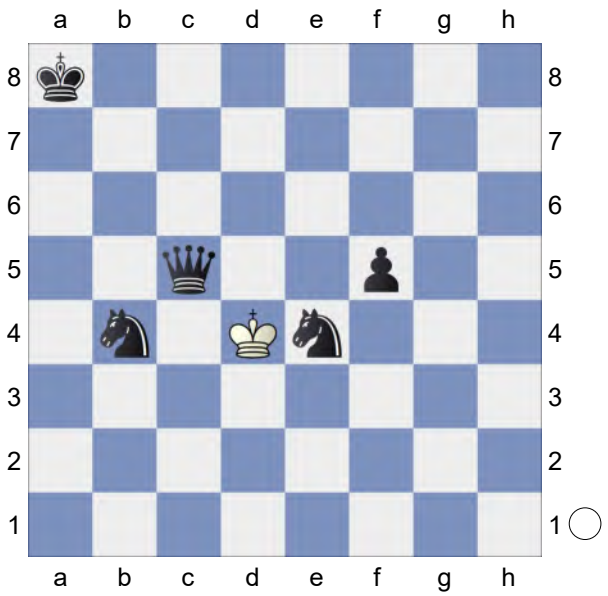
61.Kc4 Qc7+ 62.Kd4

Quite a comeback for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.21 (precise)

Black used his chance. **62...Qc5#**

(Diagram)



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95 **A40**

□ **Korol,Dimitry** **2287**

■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**

Titled Tue 6. Aug Early (8) 06.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

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From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215

E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**

[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44)

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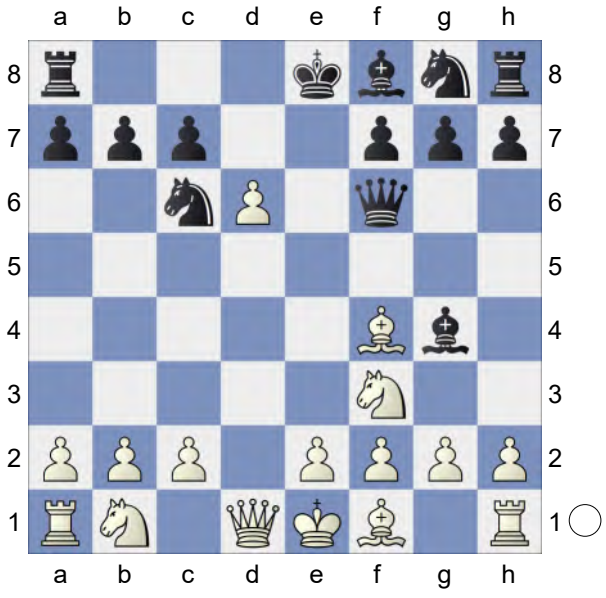
4.Bf4N

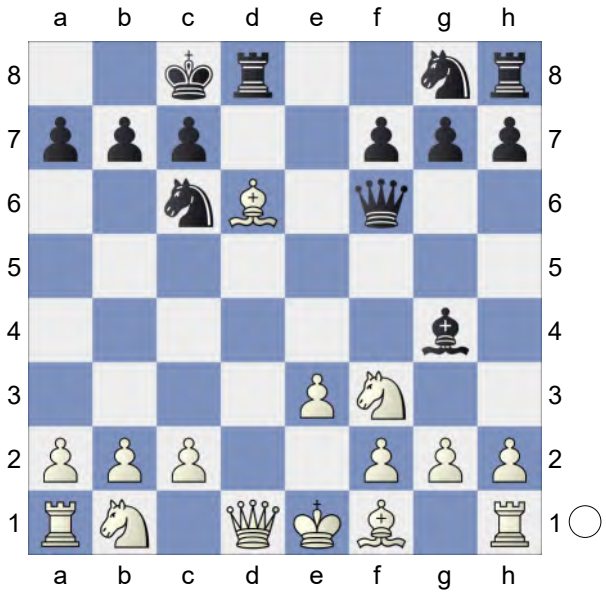
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 19.Qd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero, M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]

[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch, A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

4...Nc6 5.exd6 Qf6



6.e3 Bxd6 7.Bxd6 0-0-0



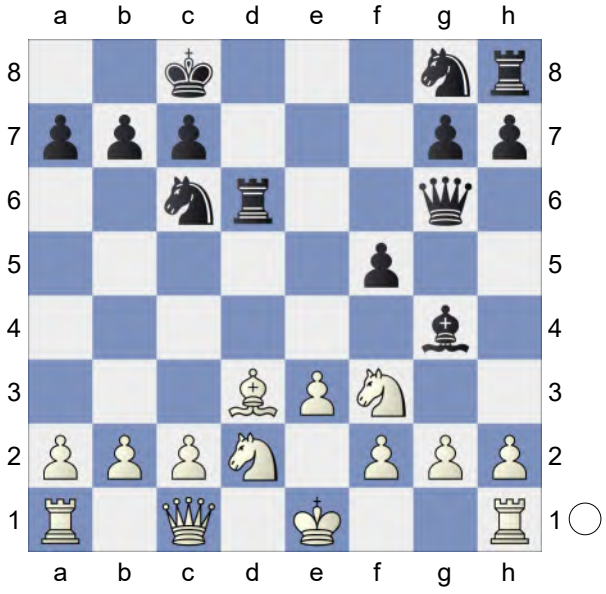
8.Nbd2! White is better. **8...Rxd6 9.Qc1** 0.70/19

[Better is 9.Bd3± 1.10/19]

9...Qg6 1.20/20 Prevents Ne4

[9...Bxf3± 0.70/19 10.Nxf3 Ne5]

10.Bd3!± f5



11.Be2 -0.21/22

[11.h3± 0.99/20 Bxf3 12.Nxf3]

11...Nf6 12.h3? -2.16/18

[12.Nc4= 0.00/18 Rd5 13.0-0]

12...Qh5? 0.31/19

[12...Bxf3!-+ -2.16/18 13.gxf3 f4

(13...Qg2 14.Rf1∓)]

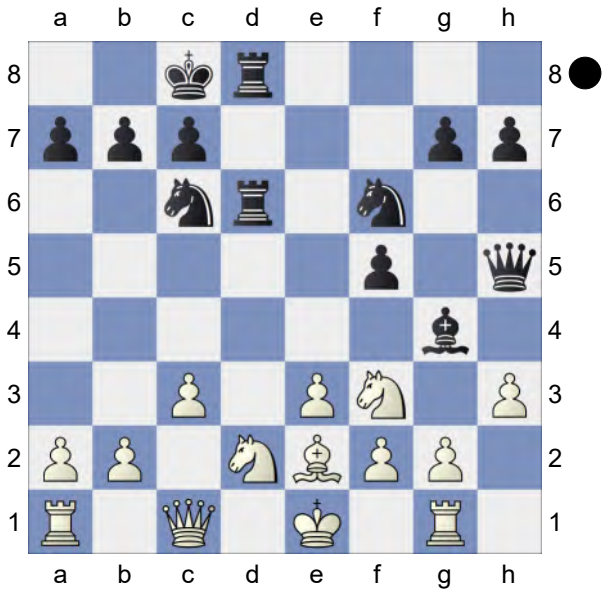
13.c3±

[13.hxg4? Qxh1+ 14.Bf1 fxg4-+]

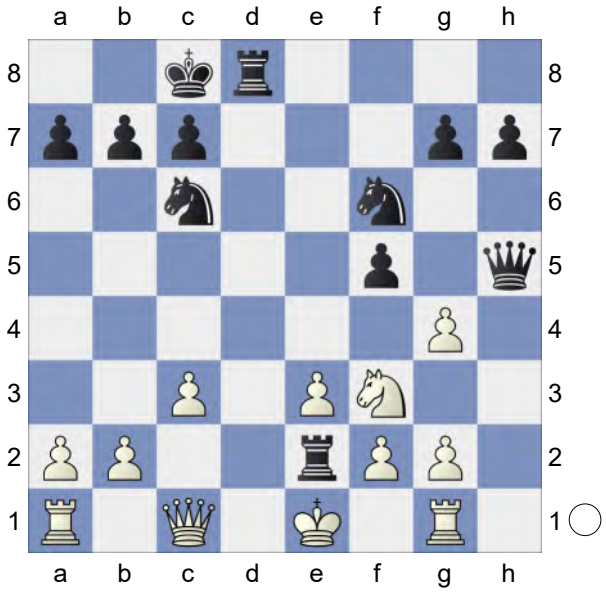
13...Rhd8 14.Rg1 -0.34/20

[14.hxg4? Qxh1+ 15.Bf1 fxg4-+ *(15...Nxg4? 16.Qc2-+)*]

[14.Nc4± 0.43/18 Re6 15.Qc2]



14...Rxd2! 15.hxg4 Rxe2+!



16.Kxe2 fxg4 17.Nd4 and Qc2 should not be overlooked **17...Ne4** 0.54/19

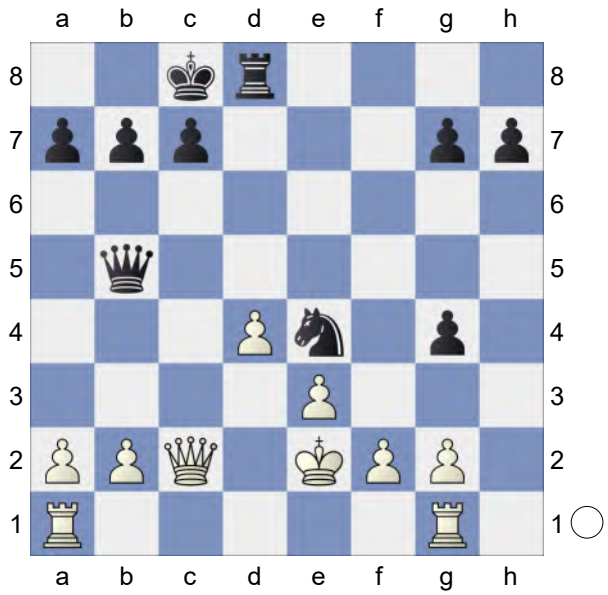
[17...Re8= 0.00/21]

18.Qc2! Nxd4+ 19.cxd4

[19.exd4 Re8 20.Kd1 g3+ *(20...Qh2 21.Re1∓)* 21.f3 Qh2-+]

19...Qb5+ 1.31/24

[Black should try 19...Re8 0.88/18]



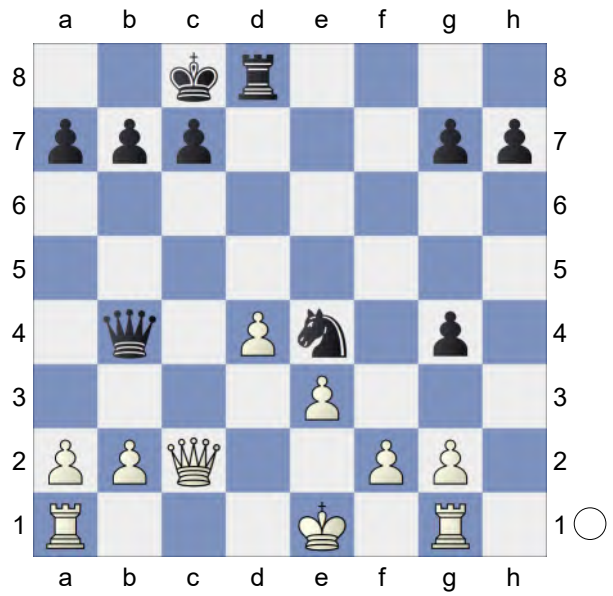
20.Ke1 0.21/21

[20.Kd1!± 1.31/24 Qe5 21.Rh1]

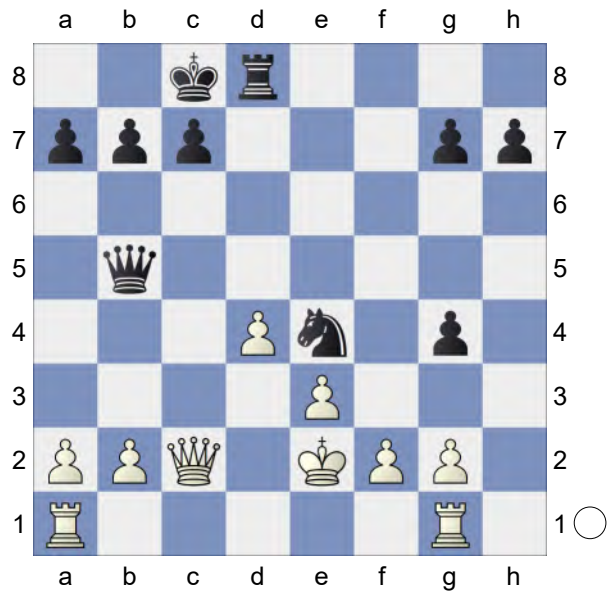
20...Qb4+? 1.80/18

[20...Rf8!= 0.21/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 21.f3 *(21.Qxe4 Qxb2 22.Rb1 Qxf2+ 23.Kd1 Qxg1+ 24.Kc2 Qf2+* Skewer *25.Kc3 b6∓)* 21...gxf3 22.gxf3 *(22.Qxe4? Qe2#)* 22...Ng5]

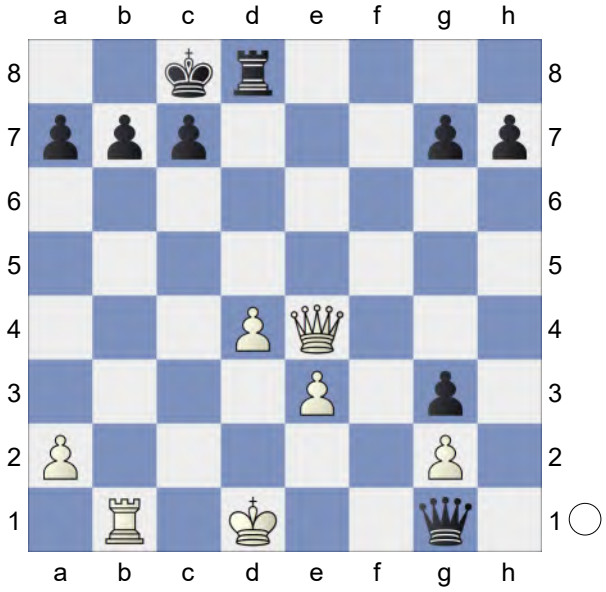
(Diagram)



21.Ke2 1.11/17
[21.Kd1+- 1.80/18 Qe7 22.Rf1]
21...Qb5+ 1.67/23
[21...Rf8± 1.11/17 22.f4 *(22.Qxe4 Qxb2+ 23.Kd3 Qb5+ 24.Kc3 Qa5+ 25.Kc4 Qa4+ 26.Kc3 Qa5+ 27.Kb3 Qb5+ 28.Kc3 Qa5+=)* 22...Re8]



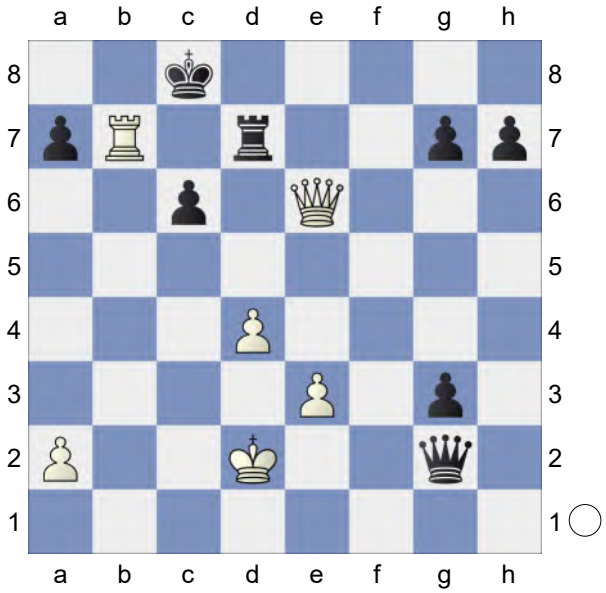
22.Ke1? 0.09/20
[22.Kd1!+- 1.67/23 Qf5 23.Rf1]
22...g3? 2.20/20 **23.Qxe4+-** **Qxb2**
24.Rb1? -0.29/22
[White must play 24.Qf5++- 1.77/25 Kb8 25.Rd1 Qb4+ 26.Ke2]
24...Qxf2+=
[24...Qxa2? 25.Qxb7+ *(25.fxg3 Qa5+ 26.Kd1 Qa6+-)* 25...Kd7 26.Rf1+- *(26.fxg3 Re8+-)*]
25.Kd1 Qxg1+



Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is two pawns up. **26.Kd2** -0.81/17
[26.Ke2= -0.29/24 Qf2+ 27.Kd3]
26...Qf2+∓ 27.Kd3 c6 -0.16/20
[27...Qxa2?! 28.Qxb7+ Kd7 29.Qb5+ Ke7 30.Qg5+ Ke8 31.Rb5=]
[27...b6∓ -0.60/20 28.Qa8+ Kd7 29.Qd5+ Ke7 30.Qe5+ Kf8 *(30...Kd7 31.Qd5+ Ke7 32.Qe5+ Kf8 33.Qxc7∓)* 31.Qxc7 Re8 32.Qf4+ Qxf4 33.exf4 a5]
28.Qe6+ -0.76/25
[28.Qg4+!= -0.16/20 Rd7 29.Rxb7 Qf1+ 30.Kd2 Qxg2+ 31.Kc3]
28...Rd7 0.00/24
[28...Kb8∓ -0.76/25 and ...Ka8 should not be overlooked 29.Qe7 Qf5+ Skewer 30.e4 Qd7 31.Qxd7 Rxd7]
29.Rxb7!= Decoy **29...Qf1+ 30.Kd2?** -4.92/30
[30.Kc3= 0.00/24 and White is okay. Qc1+ 31.Kd3 Qd1+ 32.Ke4 Qc2+

33.Kf4 Qf2+ 34.Kg4 Kxb7 35.Qxd7+ Kb6 36.Qd8+ Kb5 37.Qb8+ Ka6 38.Qc8+ Kb6 39.Qb8+ Ka6]

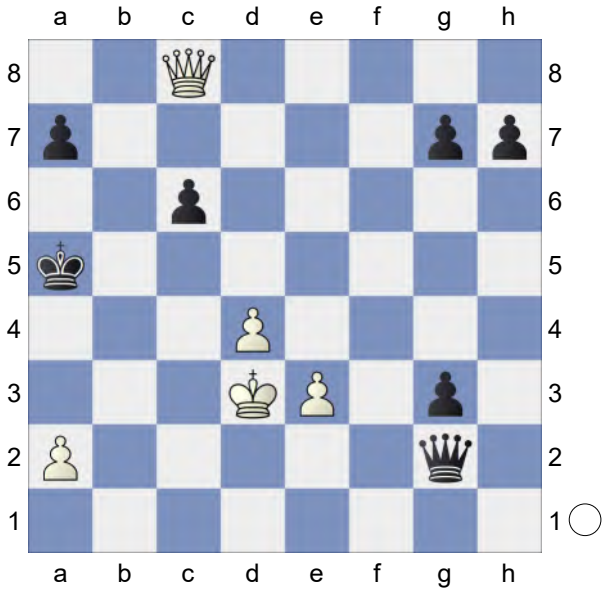
30...Qxg2+-+



31.Kd3 Kxb7? 0.00/34

[31...Qd5-+ -4.95/34 32.Qxd5 cxd5]

32.Qxd7+ KQ-KQ. Black is two pawns up. **32...Kb6 33.Qd8+ Kb5 34.Qb8+ Ka6! 35.Qc8+ Ka5**



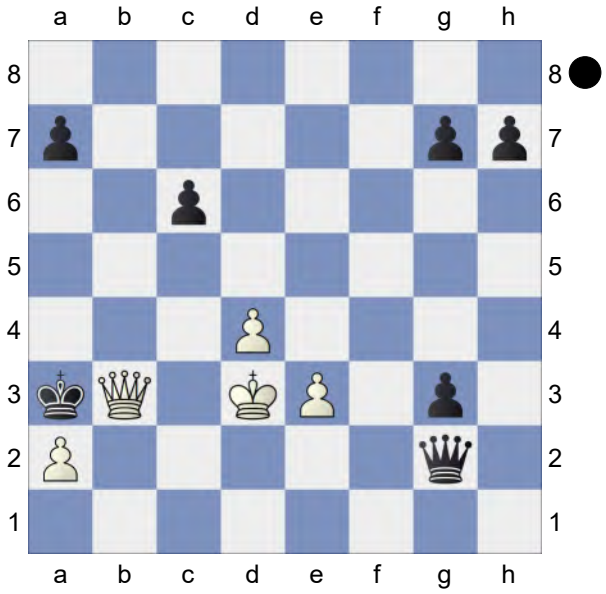
36.Qc7+ Kb4? 12.74/23

[36...Ka6= 0.00/21]

37.Qb7+ Ka3 What a fight!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/Black=0.94

38.Qb3#



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96 **A40**

□ **Martic,Ivan** **2253**

■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**

Titled Tue 14th Jan Early blitz (8)

[Kitty Kat]

C41: Philidor Defence

E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6**

[2...Nc6 3.Nf3 Qe7 4.Bf4 Qb4+ 5.Bd2 Qxb2 6.Nc3 Kd8 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.Rb3 Qe7 9.Bf4 Qe8 10.e3 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Bb5 d6 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.exd4 Kc8 17.Qf3 0-1 (63) Blasovszky,I-Almasi,Z (2340) op Kobanya 1991 (5)]

3.e4N

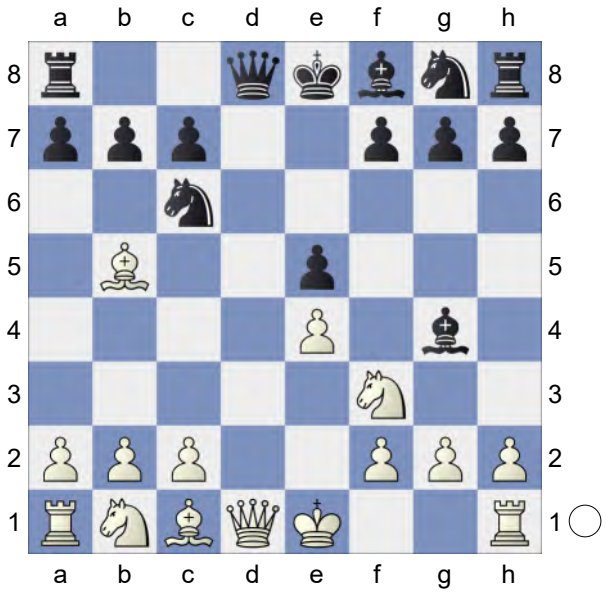
[3.Bf4 Nc6 4.exd6 Qf6 5.Bc1 Bxd6 6.c3 Bf5 7.e3 0-0-0 8.Nd2 Qg6 9.h3 Nf6 10.Ngf3 Rhe8 11.Qa4 Bc2

12.Nb3 Ne4 13.Nh4 Qg3 14.fxg3 Bxg3+ 15.Ke2 Bd1# NN-Charlik #4566 Chess: 5334 Problems, Combination 1903]

[3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]

[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Bxe7 Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 1-0 (21) Kruse,E (1264)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0298 www.desc-online.de 1999]

3...Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bb5 dxe5



6.Qxd8+ 0.58/21

[6.Qd5± 1.02/22 f6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Qxc6+ Kf7 9.0-0]

6...Rxd8± 7.Nbd2

[7.Nxe5? Rd1#]

7...f6 8.Nb3 0.06/20

[8.Bxc6+± 0.51/20 bxc6 9.Nb3]

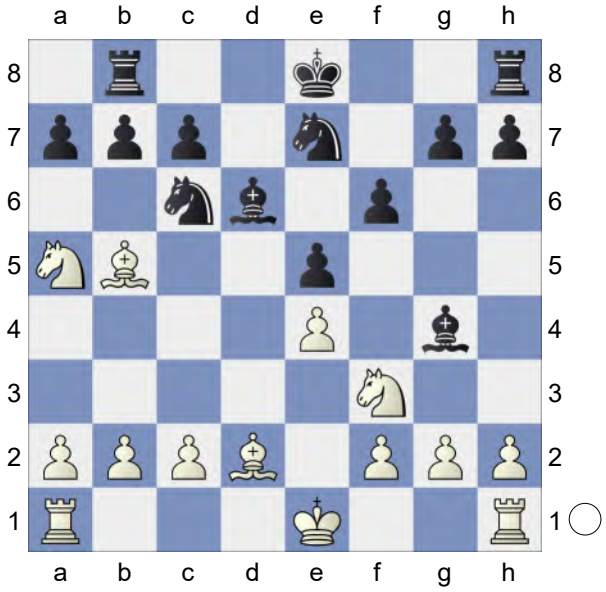
8...Bd6 0.87/19

[8...Nge7= 0.06/20 remains equal.]

9.Bd2 0.05/18

[Better is 9.Bxc6+!± 0.87/19 bxc6 10.Be3]

9...Nge7= 10.Na5 Rb8



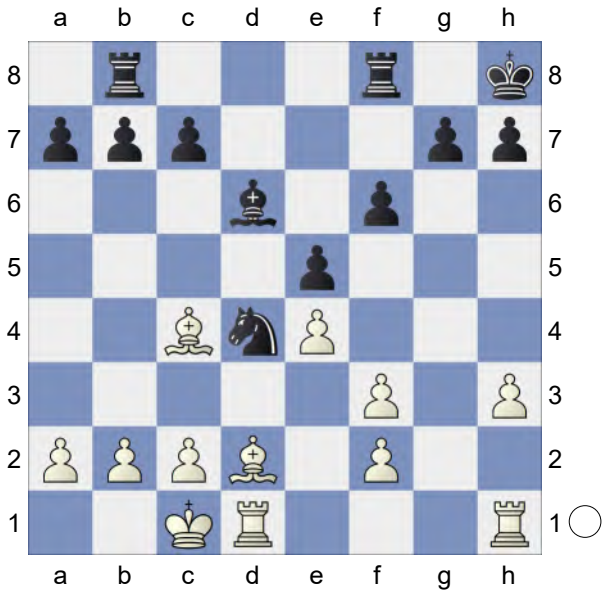
11.0-0-0 0-0 0.23/21

[⌓11...a6 -0.15/19 12.Bxc6+ Nxc6]

12.Nxc6 Nxc6 13.Bc4+ Kh8 14.h3 Bxf3 0.36/17

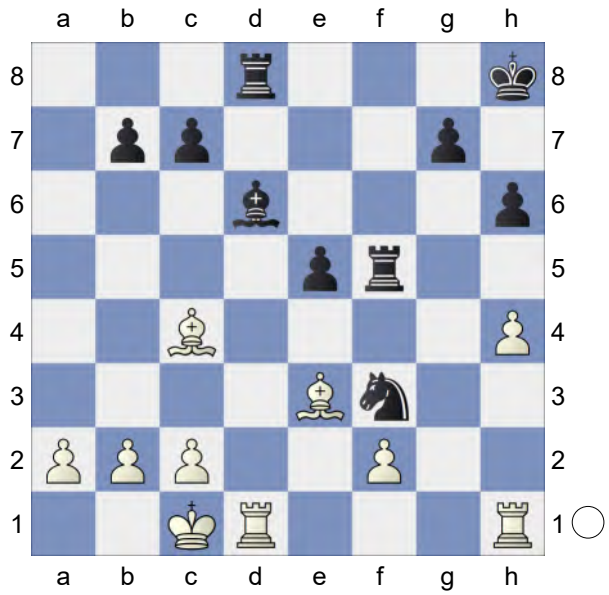
[14...Bd7= -0.17/19]

15.gxf3± Nd4

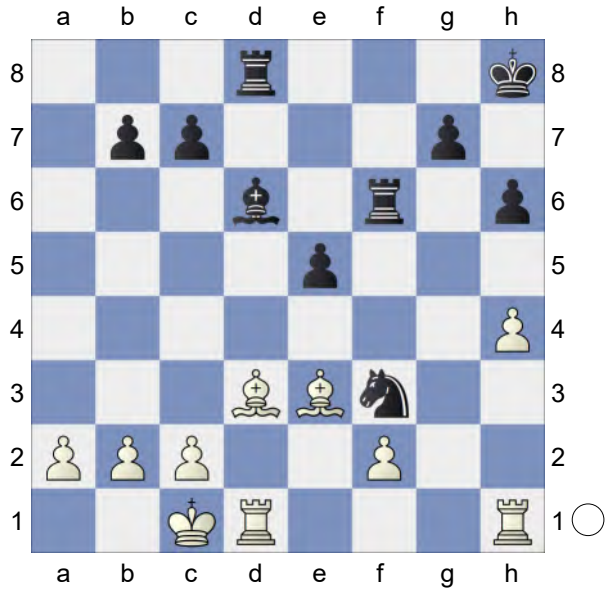


16.Be3 Nxf3 17.Bxa7 Rbd8 18.Be3

h6 1.64/20
[18...Nh4!± 0.59/21]
19.h4!+- f5 20.exf5 Rxf5 2.11/25
[⌓20...Be7 1.63/21]

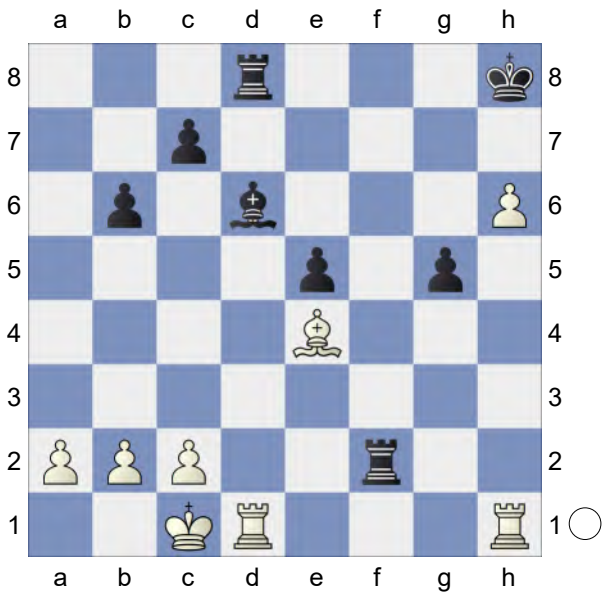


21.Bd3 Rf6 2.43/23
[21...Rff8 1.76/20 was worth a try. 22.c3 Be7]

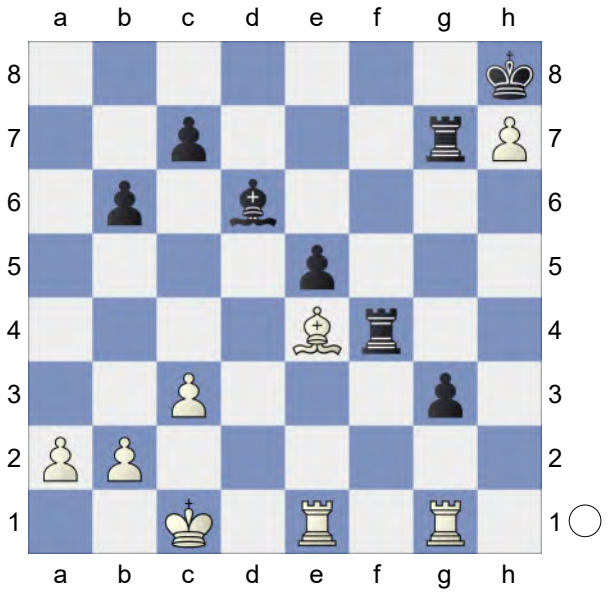


22.Bg5? 0.19/22 **Nxg5= 23.hxg5 Rxf2 24.gxh6 g5 25.Be4 b6**

(Diagram)



26.Rdg1 -0.57/21
[26.h7= 0.00/24]
26...Rg8 0.03/28
[26...Rf4∓ -0.57/21 27.Re1 g4]
27.h7 Rg7 28.c3 Rf4 29.Re1 g4
30.Rhg1 -0.61/26
[30.Re2= -0.17/19]
30...g3∓



...Bc5 would now be deadly. **31.Rg2 Rf2** -0.10/24 **32.Reg1** -0.75/21

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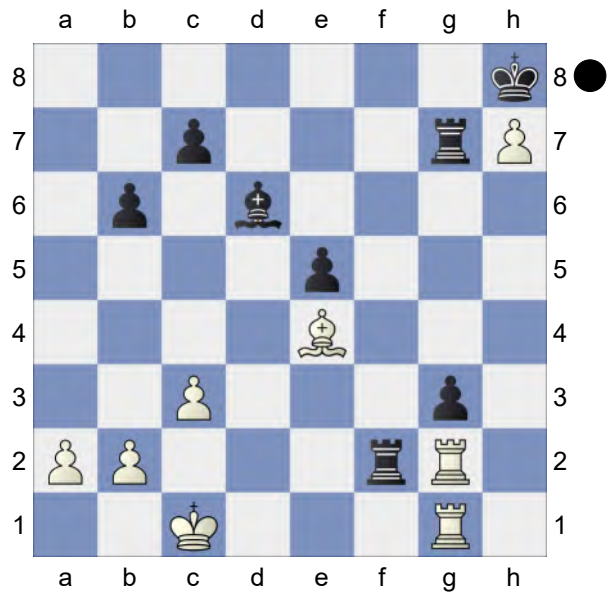

Rf4!∓ Black is more active.
[32...Rg4 33.Rxg3 Rxe4 34.Rg8+ Kxh7 35.R8g7+ Kh8 *(35...Kh6 36.R7g6+ Kh7 37.Rg7+ Kh8 38.Rg8+ Kh7 39.R1g7+ Kh6 40.Rg6+ Kh5 41.Rg5+ Kh6 42.R5g6+ Kh5 43.Rg5+ Kh6 44.R8g6+ Kh7 45.Rg7+ Kh6 46.R5g6+ Kh5 47.Rg5+ Kh6=)* 36.R7g5=]
33.Re1= 0.00/23 is more appropriate.
33...Rf2 -0.10/25
[33...Rgg4∓ -0.55/21 might be stronger.
A) 34.Bb7 e4 *(34...Kxh7 35.Kd1∓)*;
B) 34.Rge2 Rf2]
34.Re2
[34.Re3= -0.10/24 simplifies Rxg2 35.Bxg2 Kxh7 36.a4]
34...Rf4
[34...Rxg2 simplifies 35.Bxg2 Kxh7 36.Re3 Rg5]
35.b4 -0.48/21 **Rh4** 0.00/25
[35...Rgg4∓ -0.48/21 36.Bb7 Kxh7]

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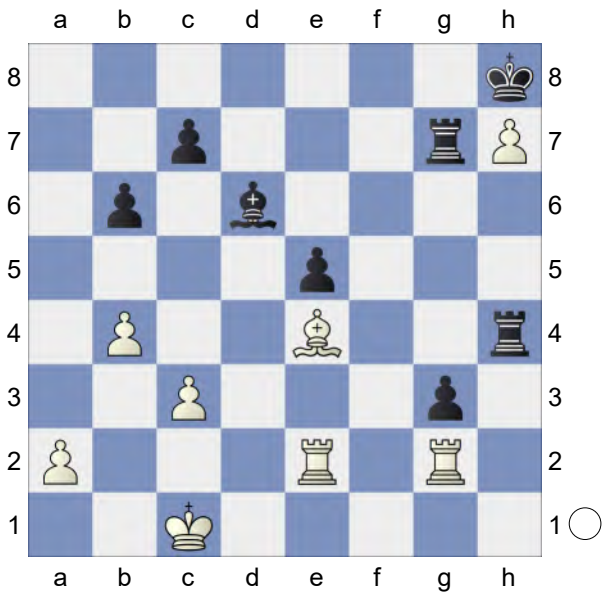
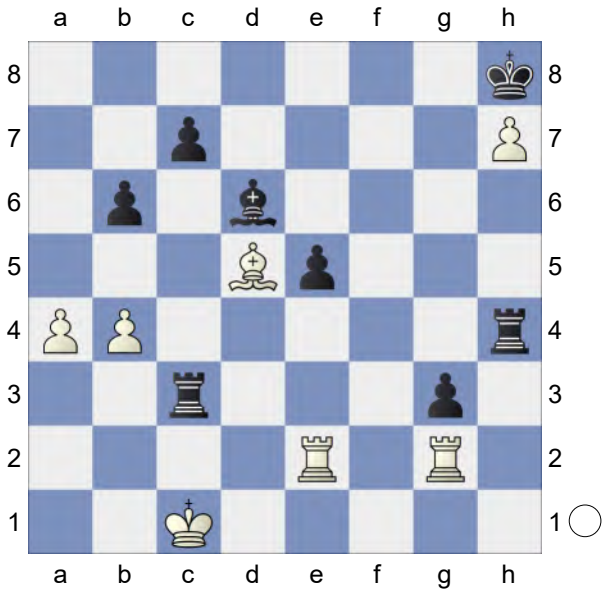


36.a4 Rgg4 37.Bf5 Rg5 38.Be4 Rgg4 39.Bc6 Rc4
[39...e4 simplifies 40.Kc2 Kxh7 41.Bd7 Kg6]
40.Bd5 -4.21/29
[40.Rxg3!= -0.04/19 and White is okay. Rxc6 41.Reg2]
40...Rxc3+-+



41.Kb2

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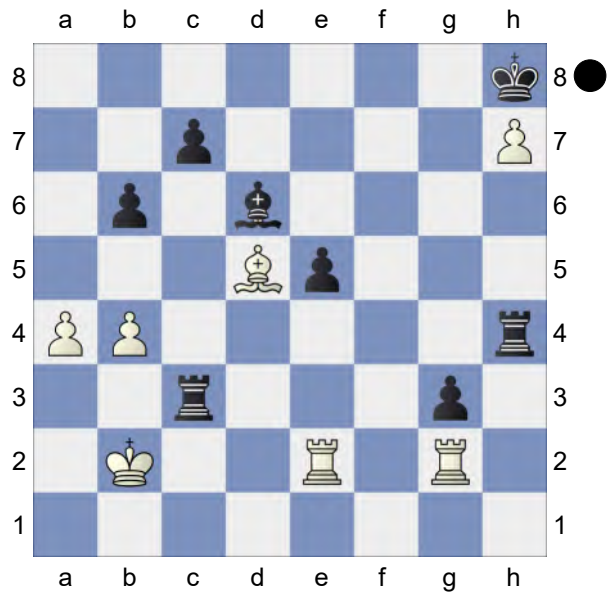
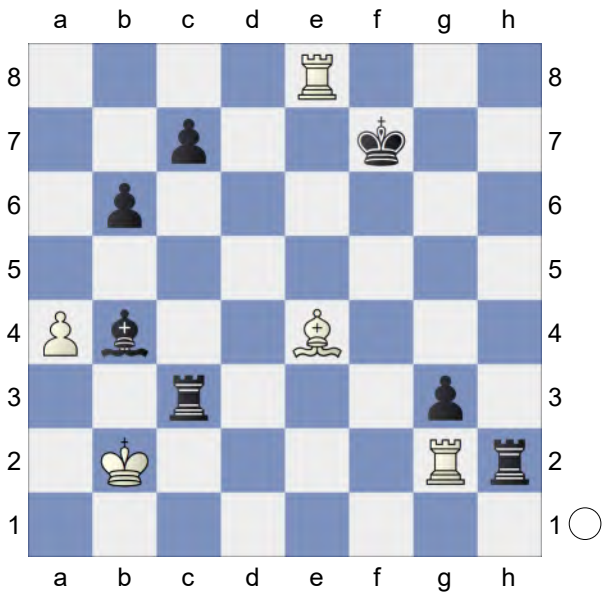
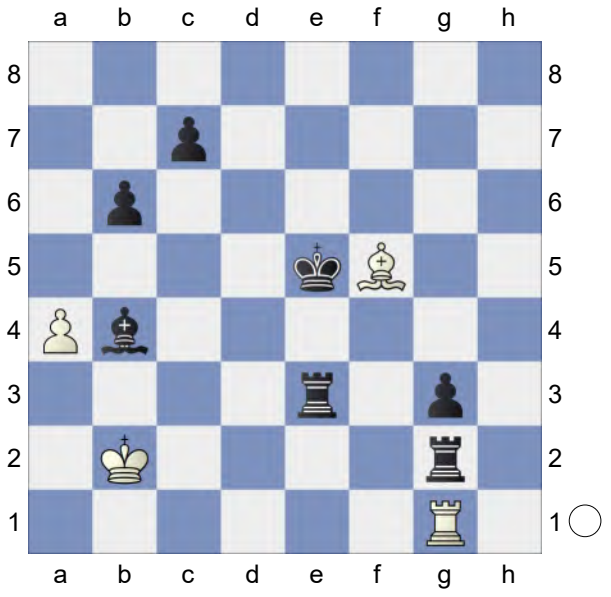


Bxb4 -0.31/19
[41...Rxb4+? is the wrong capture. 42.Kxc3 Rg4 43.Re3 Kxh7 44.Rexg3 Rxg3+ 45.Rxg3+-]
[41...Rd3!-+ -3.80/26 42.Bf7 Rxb4+ *(42...Rxh7 43.Bg6=; 42...Kxh7? 43.Kc2-+)* 43.Kc2 Ra3]
42.Rxe5∓ Kxh7 Strongly threatening ... Rd4. **43.Be4+?** -3.29/19
[43.Rg5∓ -0.39/18]
43...Kg7-+ 44.Re6 -4.67/20
[44.Bc2 -3.11/20 was necessary. Rg4 45.Rh5]
44...Rh2? -0.13/19
[44...Re3-+ -4.67/20 45.Bd5 Bc3+ 46.Kc2 Rxe6 47.Rxg3+ Rg6 48.Rxc3 c5 *(48...Rxa4? 49.Rxc7+ Kf8 50.Rb7-+)*]
45.Re8? -5.63/19
[45.Rg6+= -0.13/19 Kf7 46.Rxh2 *(46.R6xg3 Rxg3 47.Rxh2 Bd6=)* 46...gxh2 47.Rh6]
45...Kf7 -2.42/19
[⌓45...Re3 -5.63/19 46.Rc8 Ba3+ *(46...Rxe4? 47.Rxc7+ Kh6 48.Rcc2-+)* 47.Ka2 Rxe4 48.Rxc7+ Be7]



46.Re5? -4.03/21
[46.Rxh2 -2.42/19 Kxe8 47.Rh4]
46...Kf6 47.Rf5+ Ke6 aiming for ... Rxg2+. **48.Rf1 Re3** Black is clearly winning. **49.Bf5+ Ke5 50.Rfg1** -13.90/20
[⌓50.Rxh2 -4.61/15 gxh2 51.Bc8]
50...Rxg2+



51.Rxg2 Kxf5 52.Rc2 Bd6 53.a5 bxa5

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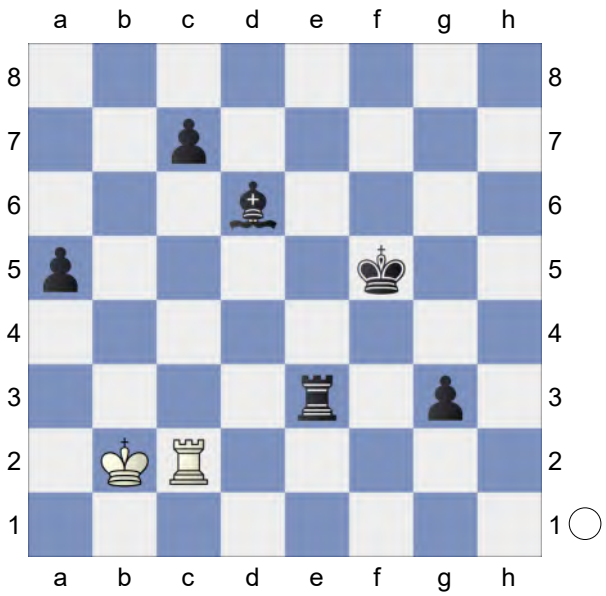

Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.49
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97 **A40**
□ **Wu,Derek** **2278**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**

[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Bf4N
[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.e4 *(6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6* 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)*)* 6...Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxd6 a4 18.Qc4 Rfc8 19.Bf4 Qb7 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]
[5.Bg5 Qd7 6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]
5...Bxf3

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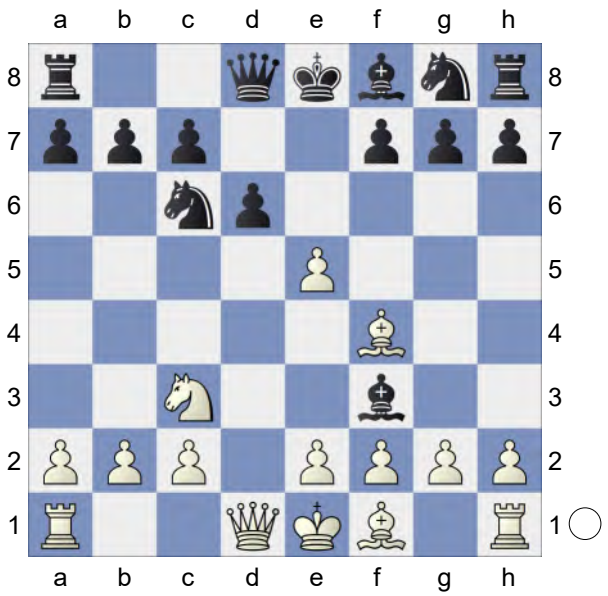
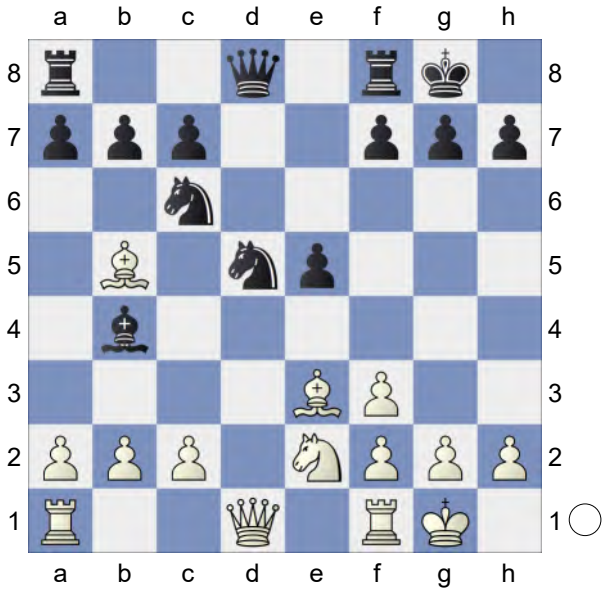
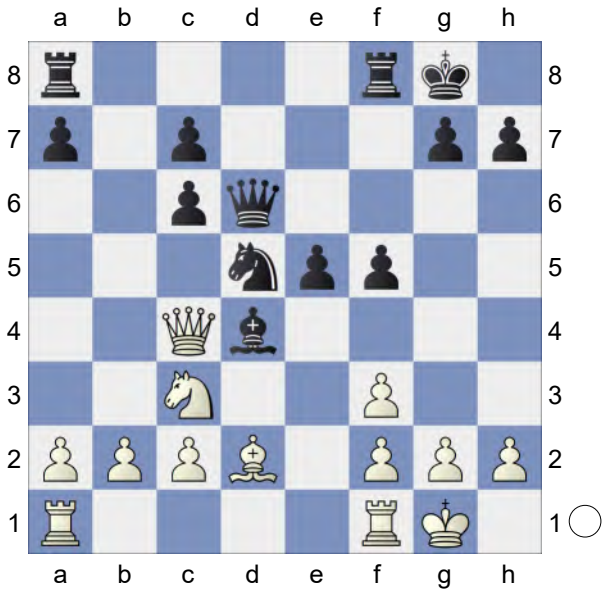


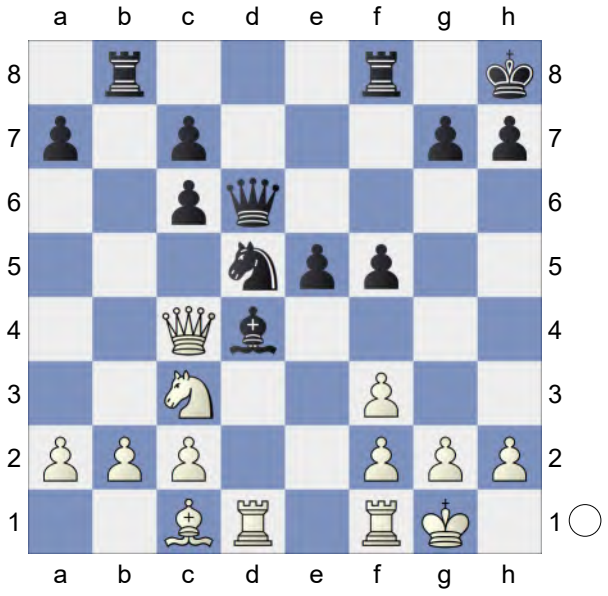
6.exf3 dxe5 7.Be3 0.33/21
[7.Qe2± 0.71/17]
7...Bb4 8.Bb5 White is slightly better.
8...Nge7 9.0-0 0-0 0.70/18
[⌓9...Qxd1 0.31/21 10.Raxd1 *(10.Rfxd1 a6±)* 10...a6]
10.Ne2 0.30/17
[10.Ne4± 0.70/18]
10...Nd5



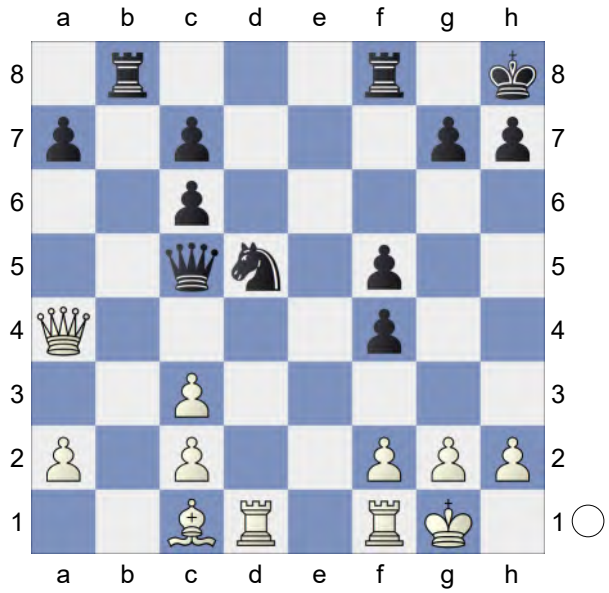
11.Bxc6 0.27/20
[11.Bc1± 0.65/19]
11...bxc6 12.Bd2 Bc5 13.Nc3 0.24/18
[13.Nc1± 0.63/20]
13...f5 14.Qe2 Bd4 1.05/19
[14...Re8± 0.58/18]
15.Qc4 0.58/18
[15.Nxd5!± 1.05/19 Nb4 would now be deadly. Qxd5 16.Be3]
15...Qd6



16.Rad1 0.28/20
[16.Na4± 0.65/18]
16...Kh8 0.80/19
[16...Rab8= 0.28/20]
17.Bc1 0.24/22
[17.Na4± 0.80/19]
17...Rab8



18.f4 -0.03/21 **Bxc3= 19.bxc3 exf4 20.Qa4** -0.99/21
[20.Rfe1= -0.02/19 keeps the balance.]
20...Qc5? 2.62/19
[20...f3∓ -0.99/21 and ...Qg6 should not be overlooked 21.Rd3 Qf6 *(21...fxg2 22.Rfd1∓)* 22.Rxf3 Nxc3]



Black is more active. **21.Ba3+-** Skewer
[21.Bxf4? Nxc3 22.Qa6 Nxd1 23.Rxd1 Qxc2-+]
21...Qxc3 22.Bxf8 Rxf8 23.Rd3
[23.Qxa7 h6 24.Qa4 Rb8±]
23...Qc5 24.Qa3 Nb4 25.Rb3 a5

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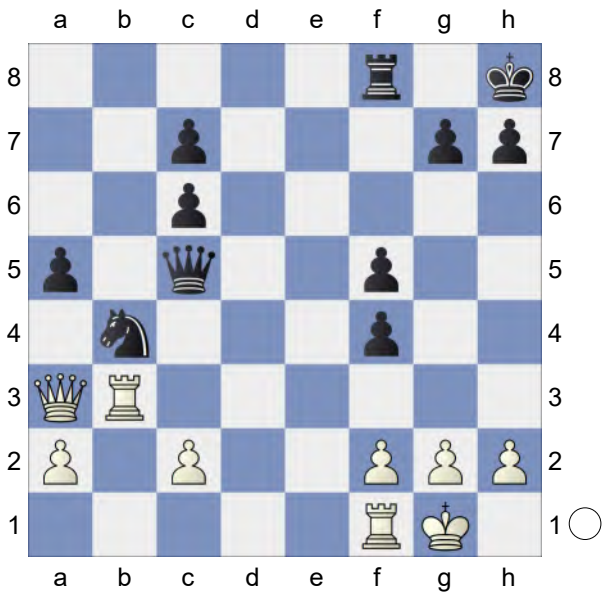
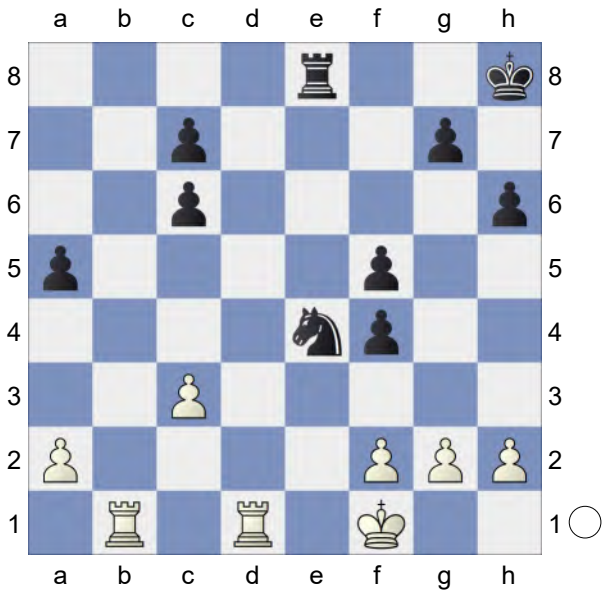


26.c3 Nd3 27.Qxc5 Nxc5 Endgame KRR-KRN **28.Rbb1 h6 29.Rfd1** White has strong compensation. **29...Re8 30.Kf1** Prevents Re2. **30...Ne4**



31.Rbc1 Rb8 32.f3 Nd6 33.Rb1 Prevents Rb2 **33...Rf8 34.h4 g5 35.hxg5** 1.13/19
[35.Re1+- 1.85/22]
35...hxg5±

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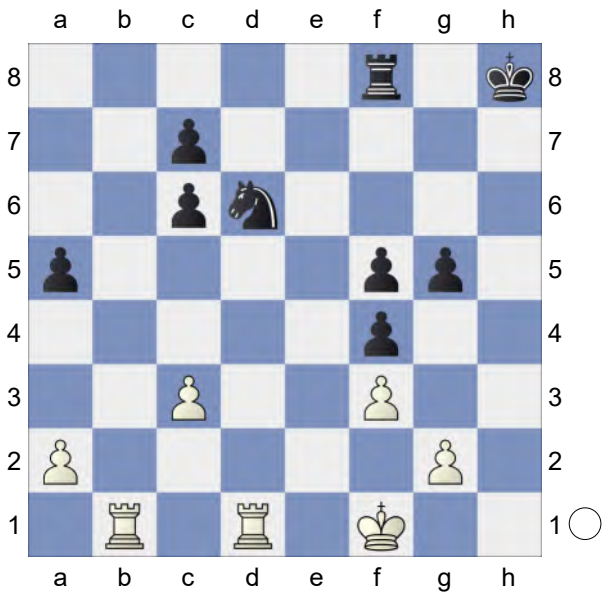
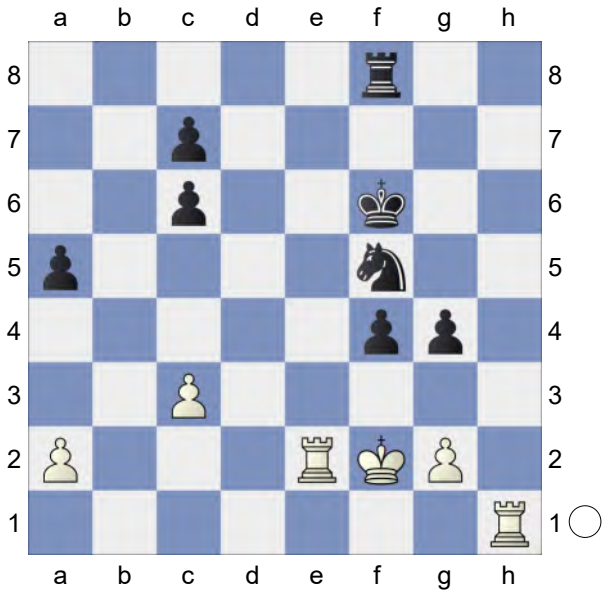
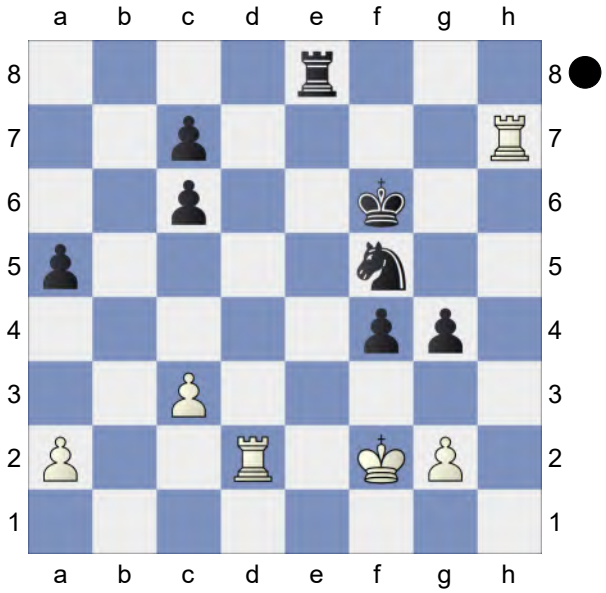


36.Kf2 0.61/18
[36.Rd2± 1.13/22]
36...Kg7± 37.Re1 Kf6 Against Re7
38.Re2 0.00/23
[38.Rh1± 0.43/20]
38...g4= 39.fxg4 -0.43/25
[39.Rh1= 0.00/23 is more appropriate.]
39...fxg4 0.07/21
[39...Ne4+!∓ -0.43/25 40.Kf3 Nxc3]
40.Rh1 Nf5



41.Rd2? -1.44/17
[41.Rhe1= 0.27/21]

41...Re8∓ 42.Rh7 -2.56/21
[42.Rf1∓ -1.50/19 is a better defense.]



42...Re3? -0.71/20
[42...Kg6!-+ -2.56/21 is more deadly. 43.Rdd7 *(43.Rxc7? g3+ 44.Kf1 Ne3+ 45.Ke2 Nd5+* Discovered Attack (Check), Double Attack *46.Kf3 Re3+ 47.Kg4 Nxc7-+)* 43...Rb8 44.Rxc7 Rb2+ 45.Ke1 *(45.Kg1? g3-+)* 45...Rxg2]
43.Rxc7 Rxc3 -0.36/18
[43...g3+∓ -0.90/18 44.Kf1 Rxc3]
44.Ra7? -2.80/18
[Better is 44.Rc8!∓ -0.36/18]
44...g3+-+ 45.Ke2

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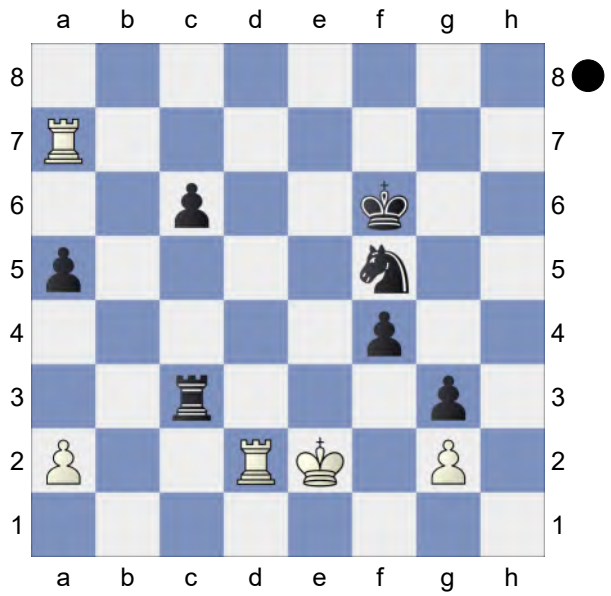
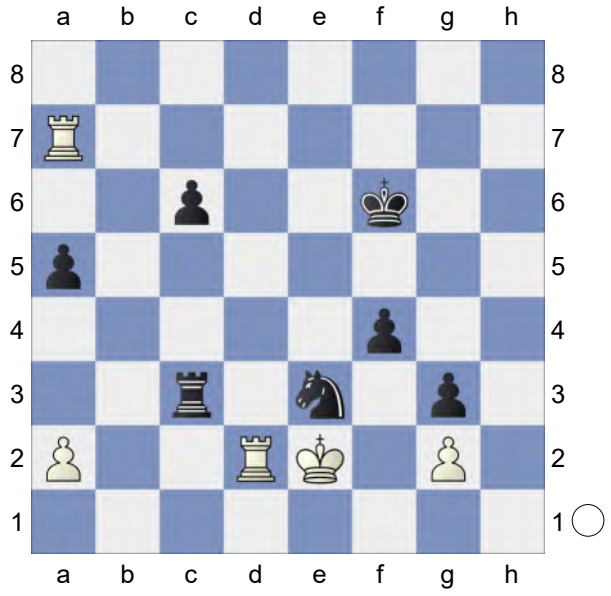
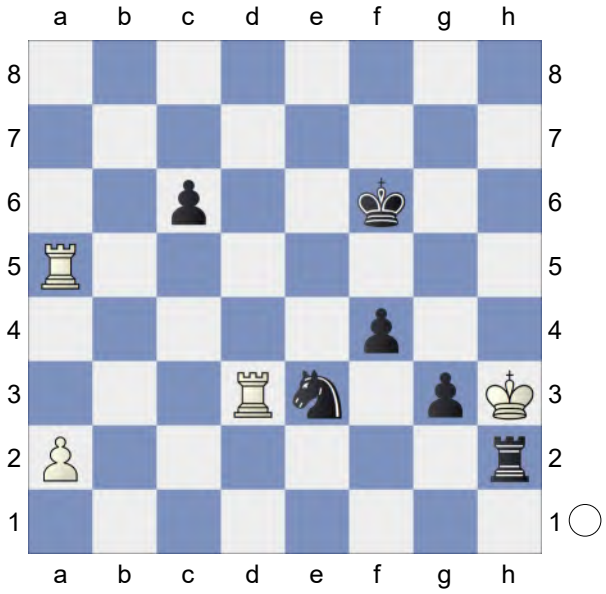


Ne3!



46.Rxa5? -3.84/20
[46.Rd6+ -2.21/18 Ke5 47.Rg6]
46...Nxg2?? 1.87/17
[46...Nc4 47.Rc5 f3+ *(47...Re3+ 48.Kd1∓)* 48.gxf3 Re3+ 49.Kd1 Nxd2 50.Kxd2]
[46...f3+-+ -3.84/20 and life is good for Black. 47.gxf3 Nc4]
47.Rd3?? -5.74/23
[47.Rd6++- 1.87/17 was the only winning move. Ke7 48.Rh6 Rc2+ *(48...f3+? 49.Kd2+-)* 49.Kf3 Rf2+ 50.Kg4 *(50.Ke4 Re2+ 51.Kf3 Rf2+ 52.Kg4 Ne3+ 53.Kg5 Rd2+-)* 50...Ne3+ 51.Kg5]
47...Rc2+ 48.Kf3 Rf2+? -0.01/24
[Black should play 48...Ne1+-+ -5.20/18 49.Kxf4 Nxd3+ 50.Kxg3 c5]
49.Kg4? -13.63/19
[49.Ke4= -0.01/24 Re2+ 50.Kf3 Ne1+ *(50...Rf2+ 51.Ke4=)* 51.Kxe2 Nxd3 52.Kf3 *(52.Kxd3? too greedy. g2-+)*]
49...Ne3+ 50.Kh3 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.56
50...Rh2#



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98 **A40**
□ **Muetsch,Annmarie** **2249**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
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A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

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[2...Nc6 3.Nf3 Qe7 4.Bf4 Qb4+ 5.Bd2 Qxb2 6.Nc3 Kd8 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.Rb3 Qe7 9.Bf4 Qe8 10.e3 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Bb5 d6 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.exd4 Kc8 17.Qf3 0-1 (63) Blasovszky,I-Almasi,Z (2340) op Kobanya 1991 (5)]

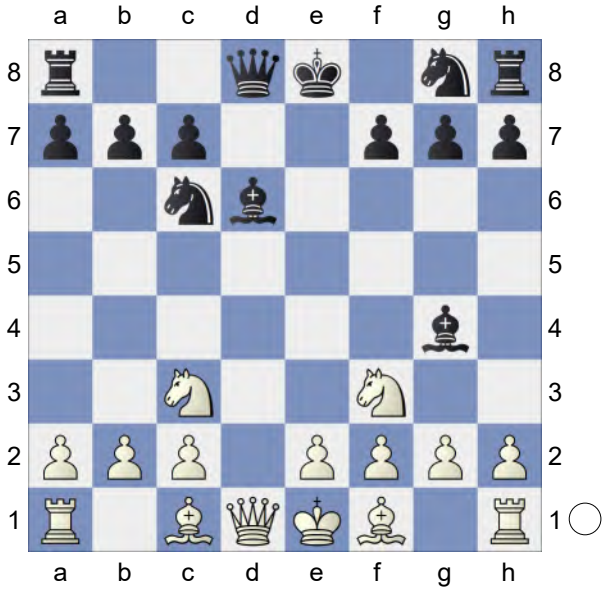
3.Nf3

[3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]

3...Bg4 4.Nc3N

[4.Bg5 Qc8 *(4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 19.Qd5* 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 *Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 34.Bd1* 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979*)* 5.Nbd2 Nc6 6.exd6 Bxd6 7.e3 h6 8.Bh4 Nge7 9.Bc4 Nf5 10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Qf5 12.Be2 0-0-0 13.c3 Qe6 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.Bxg4 Nc2+ 16.Qxc2 Qxg4 17.Rh4 Qe6 18.Qa4 Bxg3 0-1 (31) Musicant,R-Scherfke,F Compuserve email 1997]

4...Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6



6.Bg5 Inhibits Qe7. **6...f6 7.Bh4** 0.66/19

[7.Be3± 1.40/18]

7...Qe7± 8.e3 White is slightly better.

[8.Nd4 looks sharper. Ba3 9.Nxc6 Bxb2 10.Na4]

8...0-0-0

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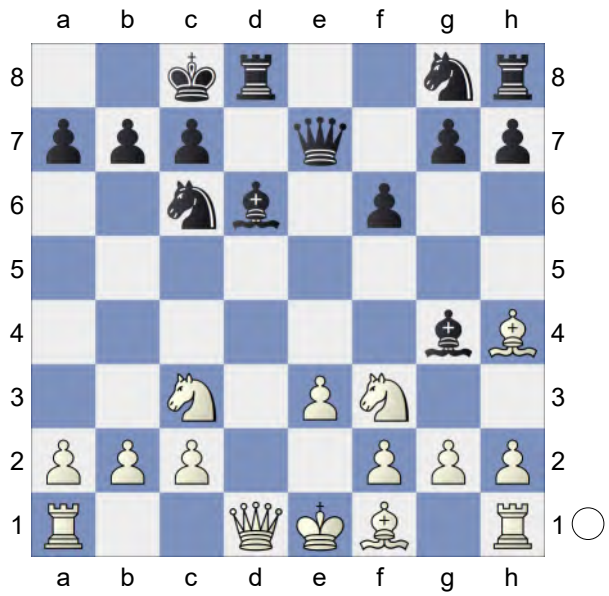
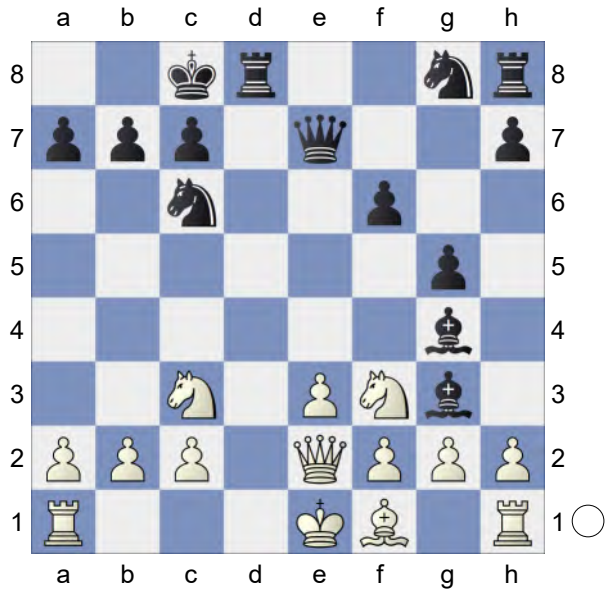


White must now prevent ...g5. **9.Qe2** -0.63/21

[9.Bd3= 0.29/21]

9...g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 0.57/20

[Better is 10...Bb4= -0.23/19]



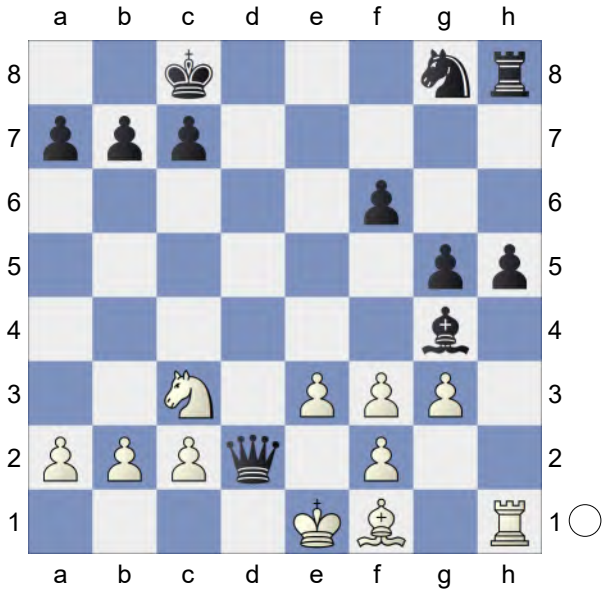
11.hxg3 Ne5 Dodges Qc4 **12.Rd1 h5** 0.98/19

[12...Rxd1+± 0.56/22 was preferrable. 13.Kxd1 h5 *(13...Nxf3? 14.gxf3 Bd7 15.Kc1+-)*]

13.Rxd8+± Qxd8 14.Qd2 0.00/26

[14.Qb5± 0.95/21 a6 15.Qc5 Bxf3 16.gxf3]

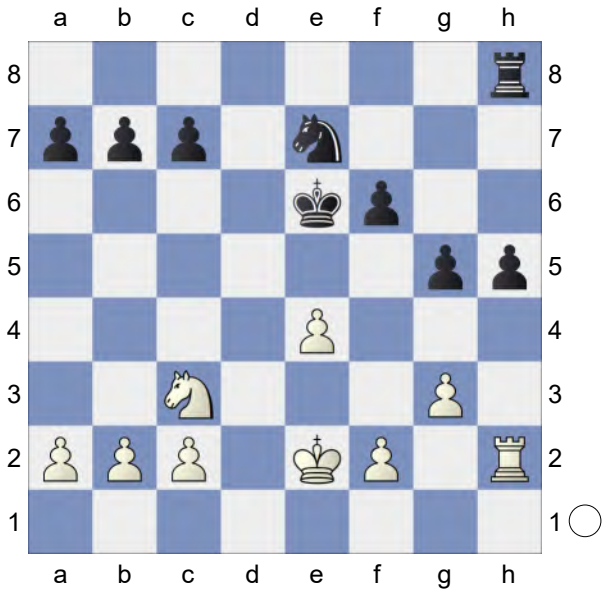
14...Nxf3+= 15.gxf3 Qxd2+



16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Endgame. KRN-KRN **19...Kd7 20.e4**

[20.g4!? h4□ 21.f4= *(21.Ne4 Ke6=)*]

20...Ke6



21.Ke3 c6 22.f4 Nc8 23.Ne2 Nd6 24.Nd4+ Ke7 25.b3 h4? 1.60/20

[Black should try 25...Kf7= 0.00/22]

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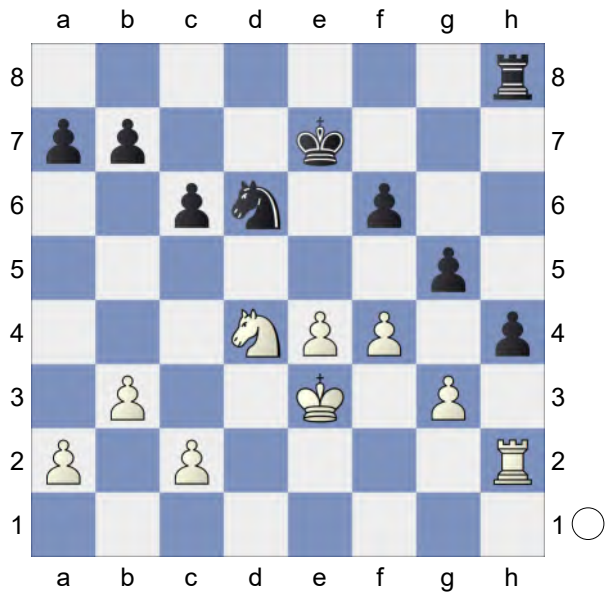
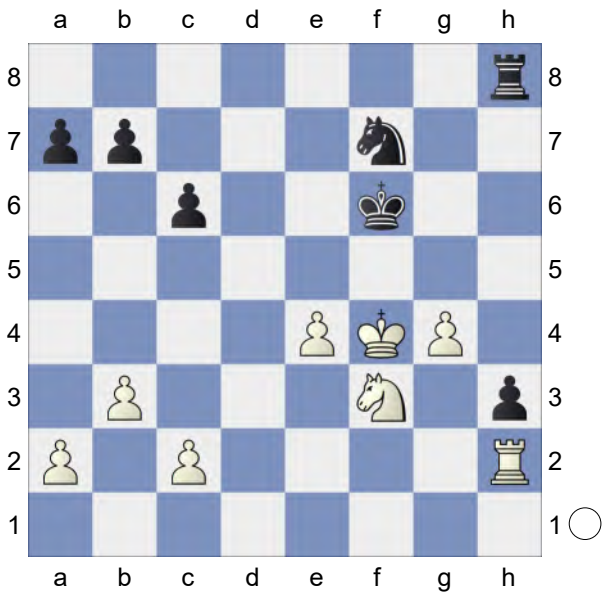
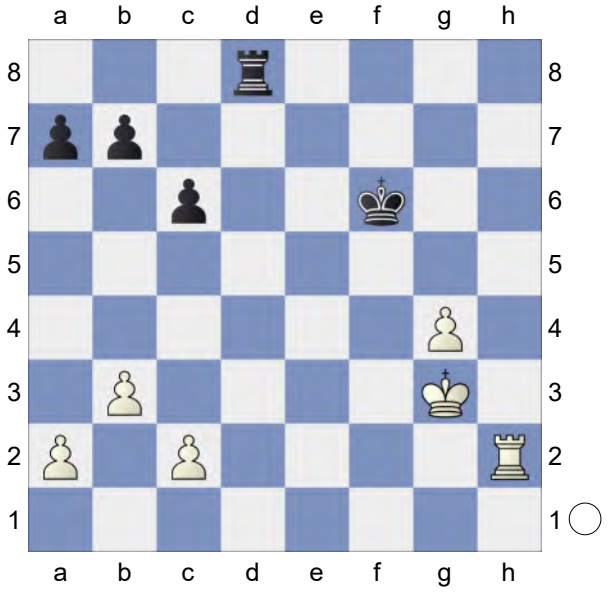


26.Nf3? 0.06/22
[White has to play 26.fxg5!± 1.60/20 fxg5 27.Nf3]
26...h3 1.90/25 A mistake that costs the game.
[26...gxf4+ 27.Kxf4 h3 28.e5 fxe5+ 29.Nxe5]
[26...Re8!= 0.06/22 and Black is okay.]
27.fxg5+- Nf7 3.25/20
[⌓27...fxg5 1.83/21 28.Nxg5 Rg8 29.Nxh3 Rxg3+ 30.Kf4 Rg7]
28.gxf6+ Kxf6 29.Kf4 Repels Ng5
29...Kg6 30.g4 Kf6

(Diagram)

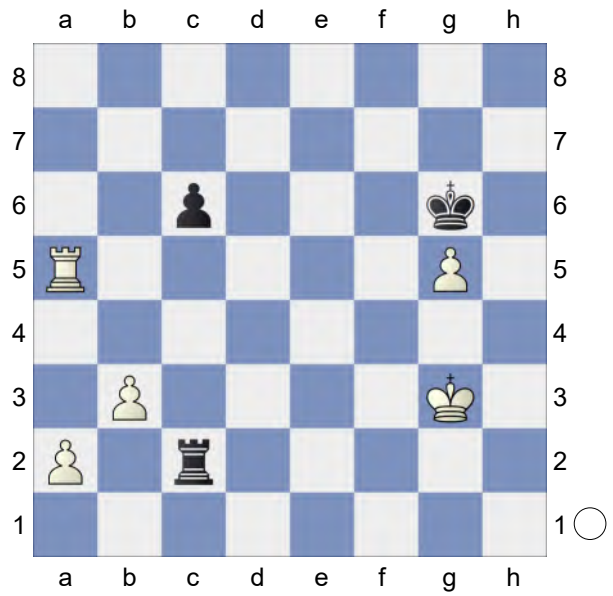


31.e5+ Ke6 32.Kg3 Nxe5 33.Nxe5
[33.Rxh3? is the wrong capture. Rxh3+ 34.Kxh3 Nxf3-+]
[33.Re2 h2 34.Rxh2 *(34.Rxe5+? Kd6-+)* 34...Rxh2 35.Nxh2 Ng6±]
33...Kxe5 34.Rxh3 KR-KR **34...Rd8 35.Rh2 Kf6**

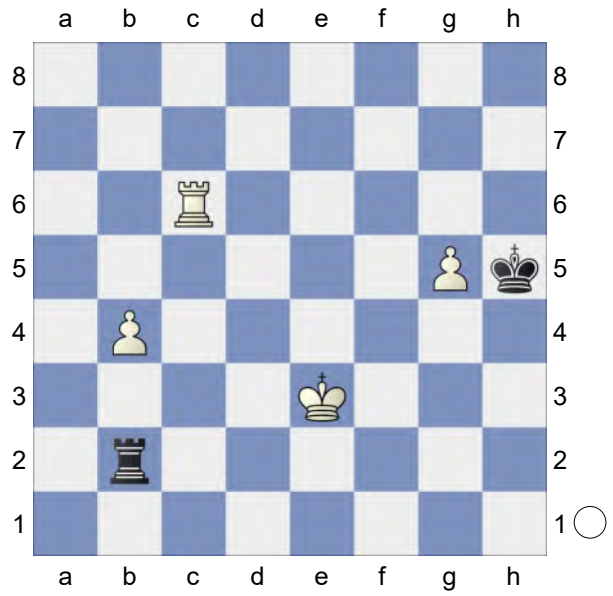


36.Rh7 Rd2 37.Rxb7 Rxc2 38.Rxa7 Ke5 39.g5 Kf5 40.Ra5+ Kg6

(Diagram)

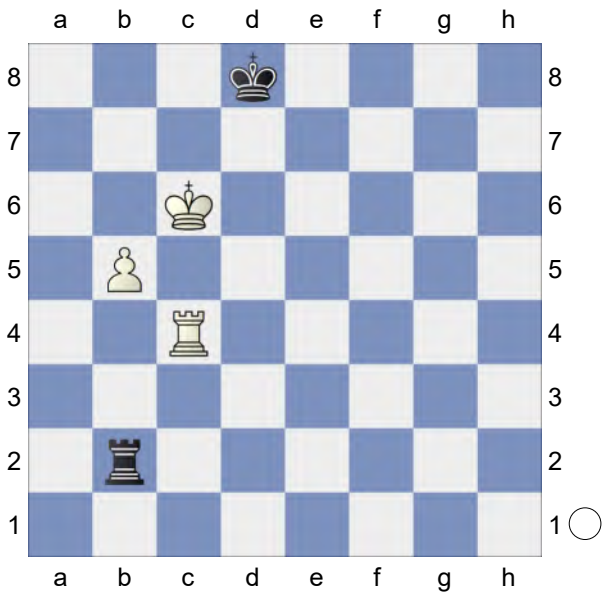


41.b4 Rc3+ 42.Kf2 Kh5 43.Rc5 Ra3 44.Rxc6 Rxa2+ 45.Ke3 Rb2

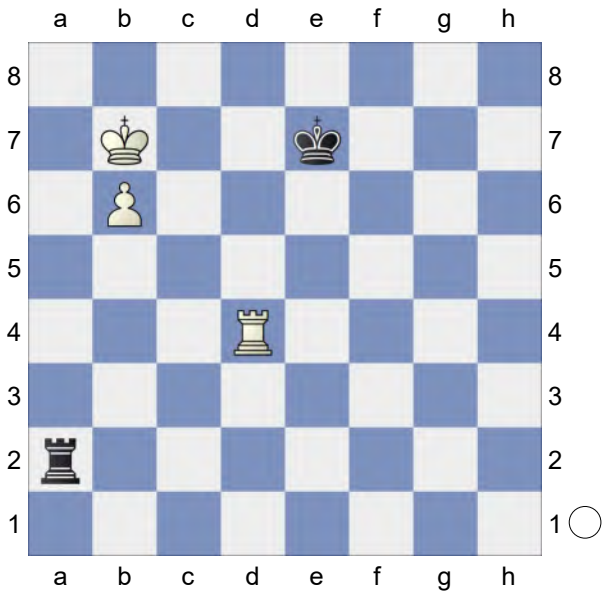


46.Rc4 Kxg5 47.Kd4 Kf5 48.Kc5 Ke6 49.Kc6 Strongly threatening b5. **49...Ke7 50.b5** b6 is the strong threat. **50...Kd8**

(Diagram)

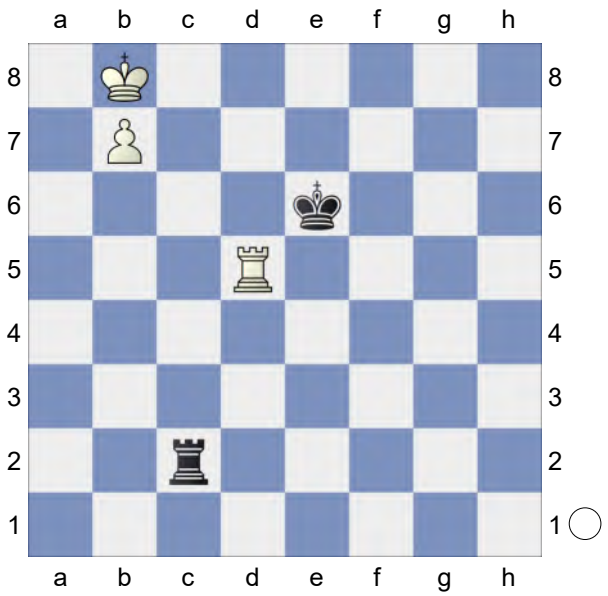


51.Kb6 Kd7 52.Ka6 Ra2+ 53.Kb7 Rb2 54.b6 Ra2 55.Rd4+ Ke7

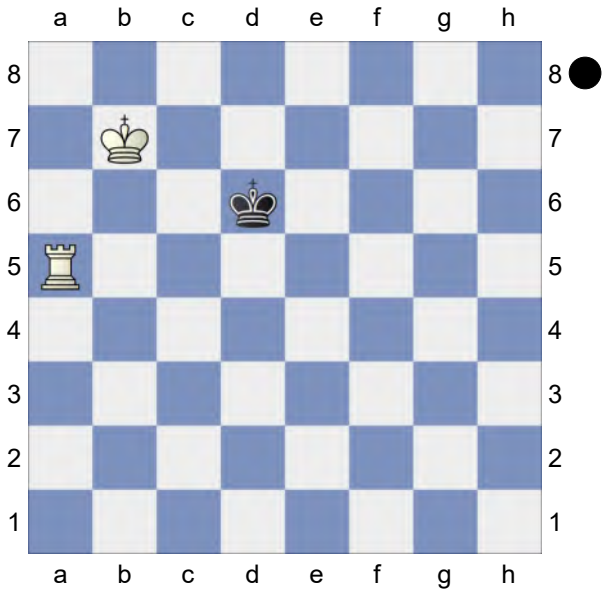


56.Kc7 Rc2+ 57.Kb8 Rb2 58.b7 Ra2 59.Rd3 Hoping for Rd4. **59...Rc2 60.Rd5 Ke6**

(Diagram)



61.Ra5 Rb2 62.Ka7 11.71/20
[⌓62.Ra4 #33/17 Kd5 63.Ka8 Kc5 64.b8Q *(64.b8R Rh2+-)* 64...Rxb8+ 65.Kxb8 Kd5 66.Kc8 Ke5 67.Kd8]
62...Kd7 63.b8Q White mates.
63...Rxb8 64.Kxb8 Kd6 65.Kb7



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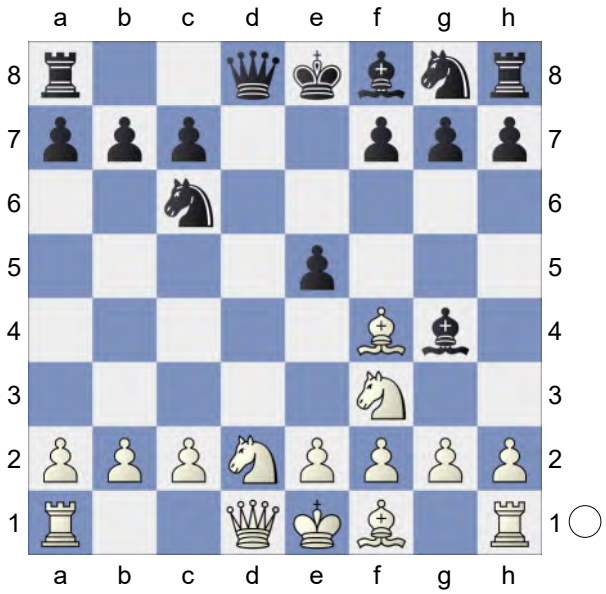
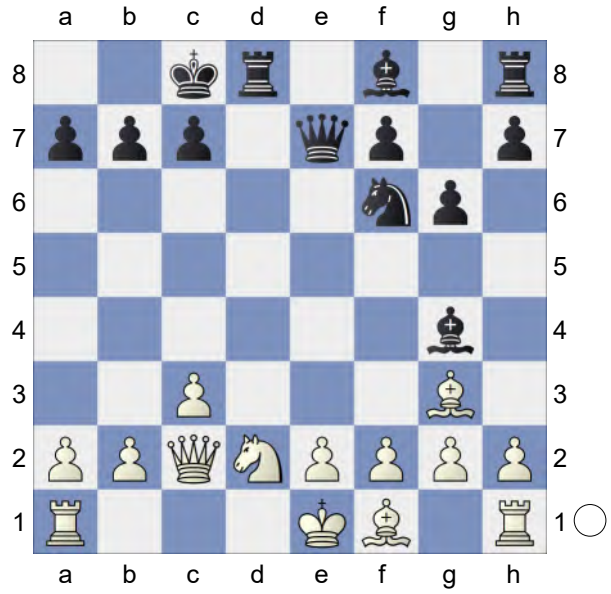
99 **A40**
□ **Kuzubov,Yuriy** **2643**
■ **Ermolaev,An** **2274**
Vladimir Eljanov Mem 2020 blitz (8)
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bf4
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bg4N
[4...f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 19.Nxb7 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]
5.Nbd2 dxe5



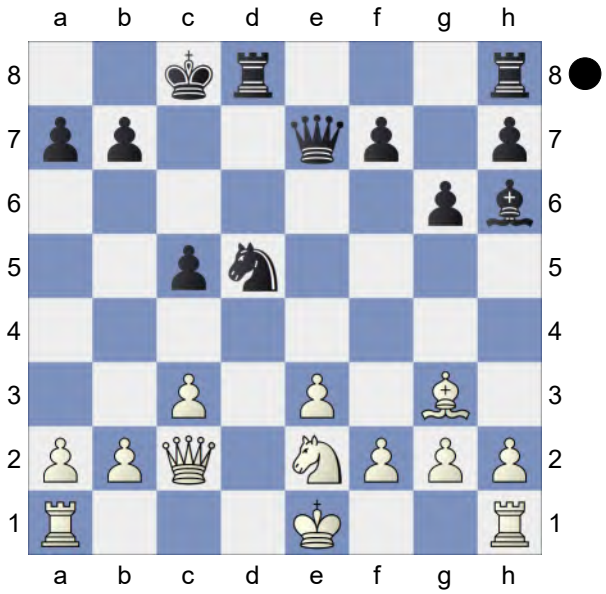
6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.Bxe5 Qe7 8.Bg3

White is better. **8...0-0-0** **9.c3!** **Nf6** **10.Qc2** 0.27/20 Dodges Ne4
[10.Qa4± 0.72/19]
10...g6!=

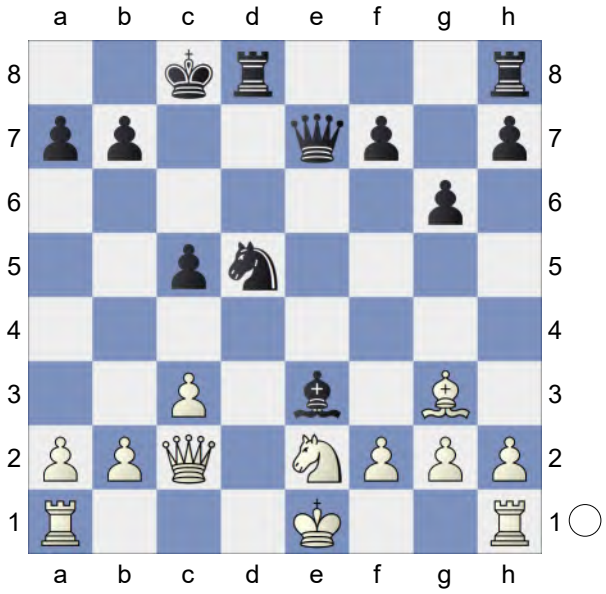


11.Nb3? -1.75/19
[11.e3= 0.06/16]
11...Bh6!-+ **12.Nd4** Repels Bf5 **12...c5** -0.73/19
[12...Ne4-+ -1.84/20 13.Bh4 Qxh4 14.Qxe4 Rhe8]
13.e3∓ **Nd5?** 1.93/19
[13...cxd4? 14.cxd4+ Kd7 15.Bb5+ Ke6 16.Bc4+ Nd5 *(16...Kd7? 17.Qa4+ Kc8 18.Rc1+-)* 17.0-0+- *(17.Qe4+ Kf6+-)*]
[13...Ne4!∓ -1.19/22 keeps the pressure on. 14.Nf3 Bf5]
14.Be2? -0.41/20
[14.Nb5+- 1.93/19 Bf4 15.Bxf4 *(15.Nxa7+ Kb8±)* 15...Nxf4 16.Nxa7+ Kb8 17.Nb5]
14...Bxe2!∓ **15.Nxe2**

(Diagram)

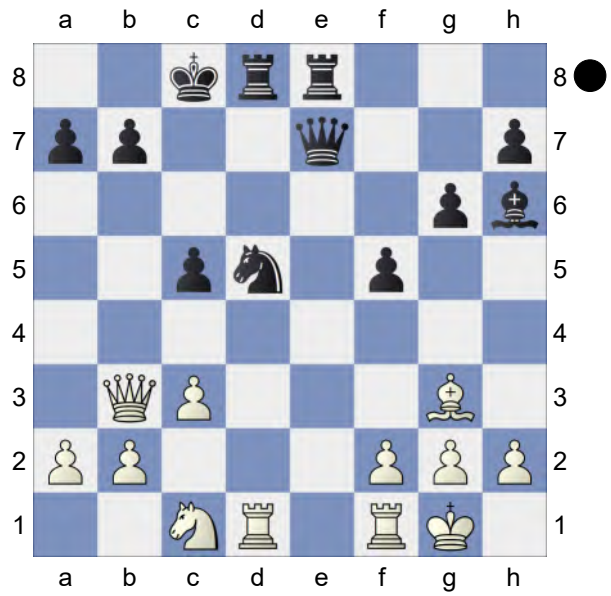


Bxe3 0.46/21

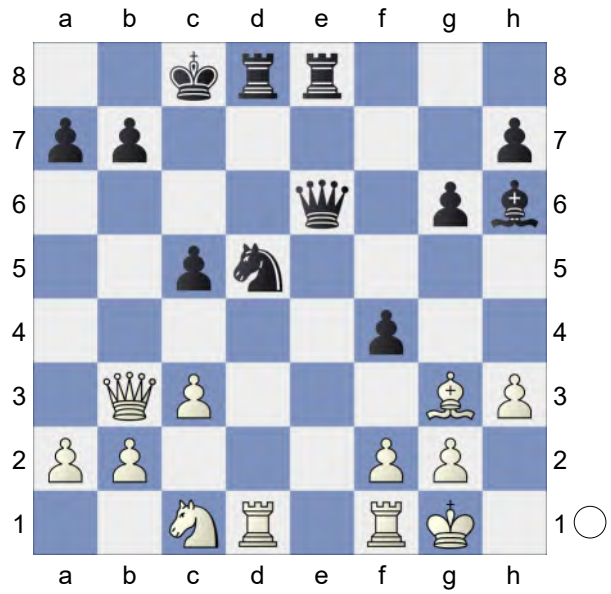


16.0-0!± **Bh6** **17.Rad1** -0.06/23
[17.c4± 0.63/21 Nb4 Deflection 18.Qa4]
17...Rhe8= **18.Nc1** **f5↑** Black is pushing. **19.Qb3** -1.02/19
[19.h3!∓ -0.31/18]

(Diagram)

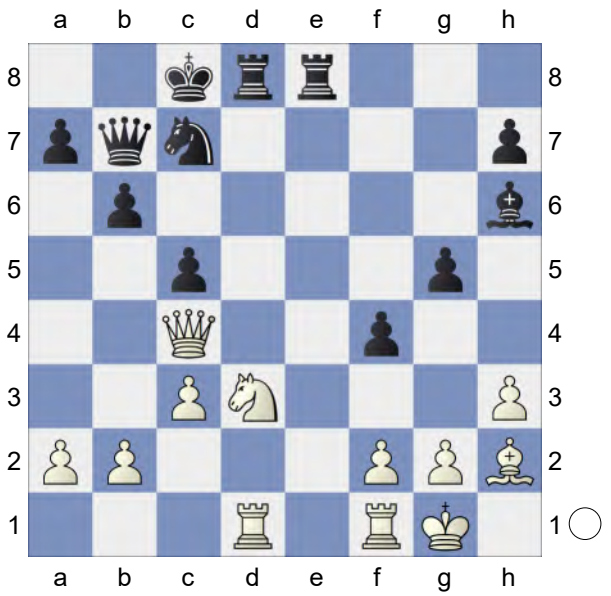


19...Qe6 -0.25/21
[Better is 19...Nb6!∓ -1.02/19 aiming for ...f4. 20.f4 c4]
20.h3 f4

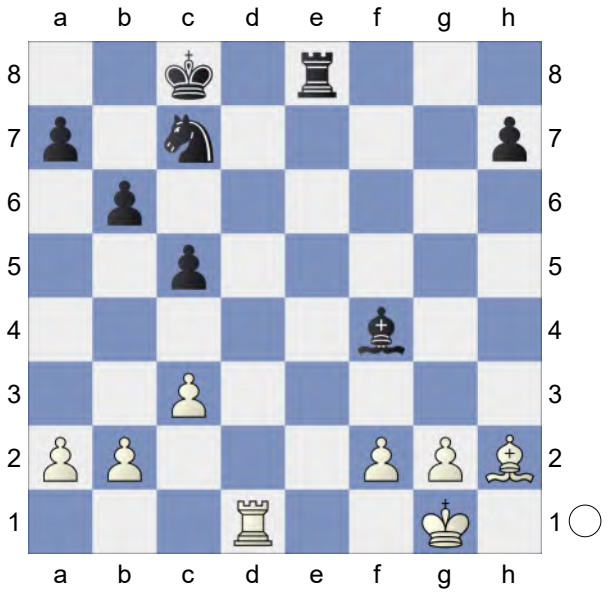


21.Bh2 g5 22.Nd3 b6 0.60/20
[22...Bf8!∓ -0.38/20]
23.Qa4 -0.25/21
[White should try 23.Rfe1± 0.60/20 Qf5 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.g4]
23...Qd7 24.Qa6+ Qb7 25.Qc4 Nc7

(Diagram)

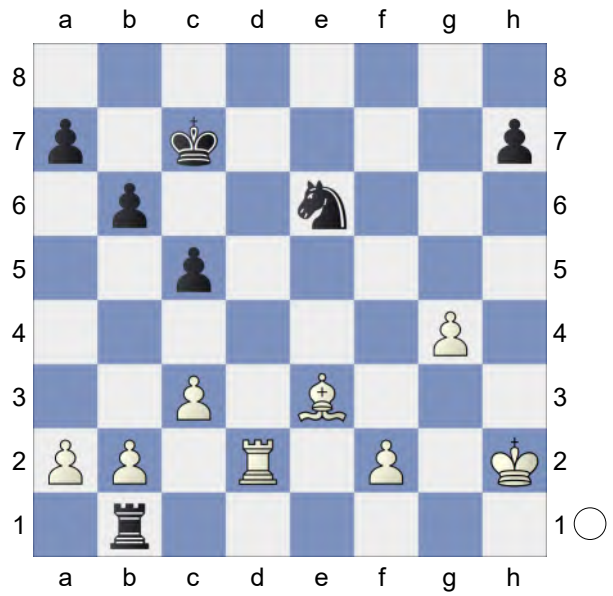


26.h4 Qd5 27.Qxd5 Remove Defender
27...Rxd5 2.01/23
[27...Nxd5= 0.01/22 28.hxg5 Bxg5]
28.hxg5+- Bxg5 29.Nxf4 Rxd1 30.Rxd1 Bxf4 2.82/20
[⌓30...Re4 1.98/18]

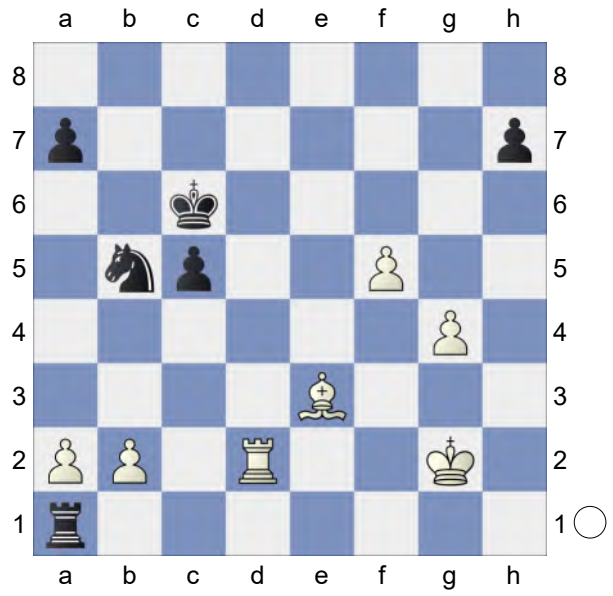


31.Bxf4= Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **31...Re2 32.Rd2 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Ne6 34.Be3 Rb1 35.g4 Kc7**

(Diagram)



36.Kg2 Kc6 37.f4 Nc7 38.c4 Dodges Nd5 **38...b5 39.cxb5+ Nxb5 40.f5 Ra1**



41.a3 Re1 42.Kf2 Rh1 43.Kg2 Re1 44.Bf2 Re4 45.Kf3 Rc4

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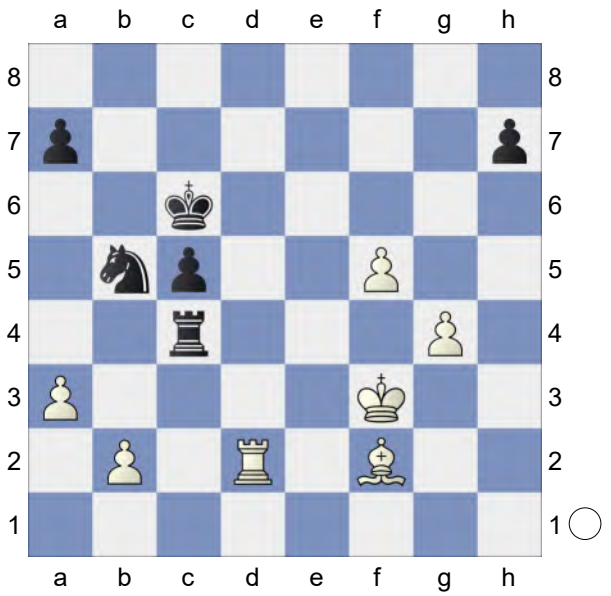
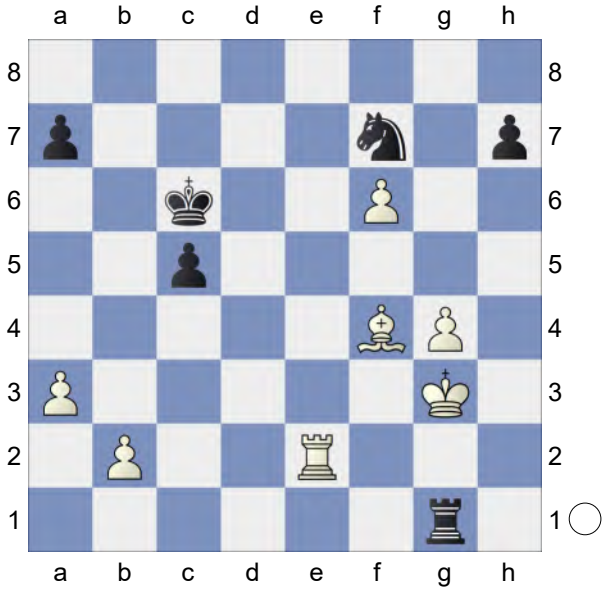


46.f6 and f7 should not be overlooked **46...Nd6 47.Bg3 Nf7** 4.84/22

[47...Ne4 3.31/18 keeps fighting. 48.Kg2 Ng5 *(48...Nxd2?* perishes. *49.f7+-)*]

48.Bf4+- Rc1 49.Re2 Rf1+ 50.Kg3 Rg1+



51.Kh3 2.17/17

[⌓51.Kf3 4.14/21]

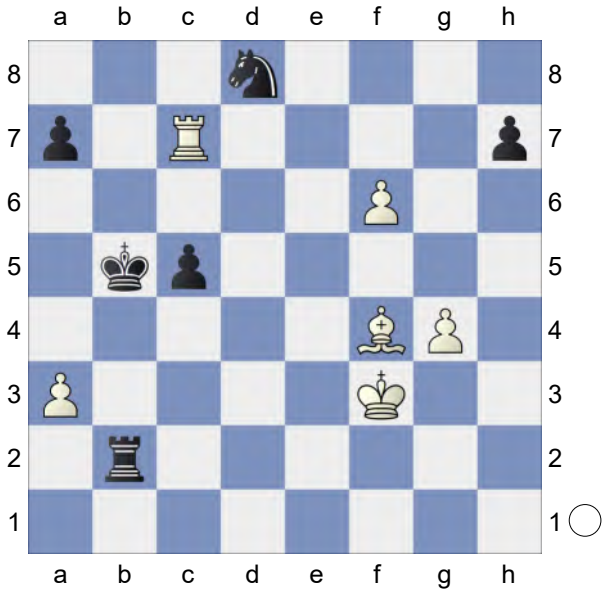
51...Rh1+? 3.97/20

[51...Rf1 2.17/17]

52.Kg2 Rb1 53.Re7 2.23/17

[⌓53.g5 3.74/19]

53...Rxb2+ 54.Kf3 Nd8 6.33/18
[54...Rb7 1.87/18 55.Ke4 Rxe7+ Remove Defender 56.fxe7 Kd7]
55.Rc7+ Kb5 8.34/19
[⌓55...Kd5 4.89/16 56.Rd7+ *(56.Rxa7 Rb3+ 57.Be3 Nc6+-)* 56...Ke6 57.Rxd8 Kxf6 58.g5+ Kf5 59.Rd5+ Kg6 60.Rd6+ *(60.Rxc5 Rb3+ 61.Kg4 Rxa3+-)* 60...Kf7 61.Rd7+ Kg6 62.Rxa7 Kf5 63.Rf7+ *(63.Rxh7 Rb3+ 64.Be3 Rxa3+-)* 63...Ke6 64.Rxh7 *(64.Rf6+ Kd5+-)* 64...Rb3+ 65.Ke4 Rxa3 66.Rh6+ Kd7 67.Rd6+ *(67.Kf5 Ra8+-)* 67...Ke7]



56.f7 Rb3+ 57.Ke4 Nxf7 58.Rxf7 Rxa3 8.18/18
[⌓58...Rh3 4.71/17 59.Rxa7 c4 60.Rb7+ Ka4 61.Rb4+ Kxa3]
59.Rxh7 KRB-KR **59...a5 60.Rb7+ Kc4**

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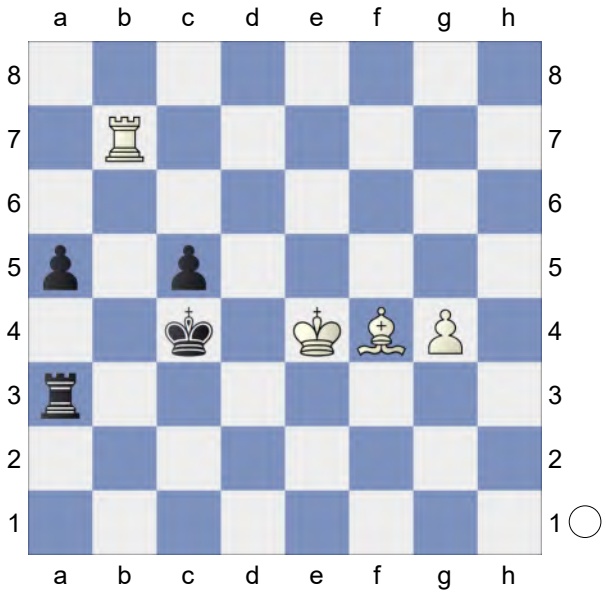
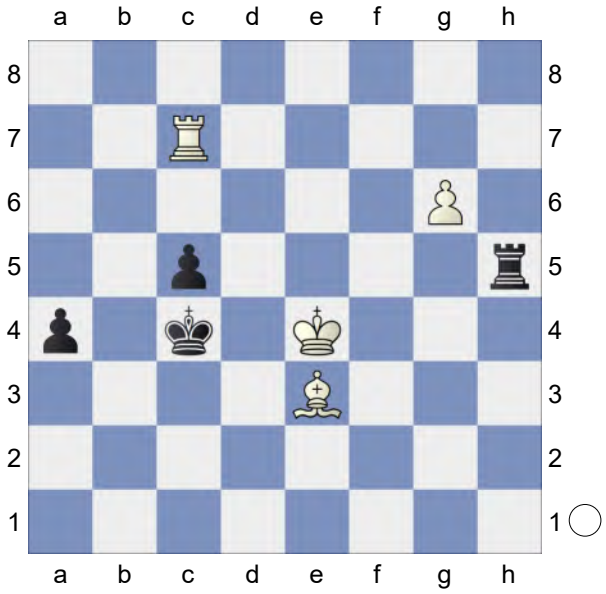


61.Rh7 Ra1 62.g5 Rd1 63.Be3 a4 64.Rc7 Rd5 65.g6 Rh5



66.g7 White mates. **66...Rh4+ 67.Kf3 Rh3+ 68.Kf2 Rh2+** What a bad dream for Black.
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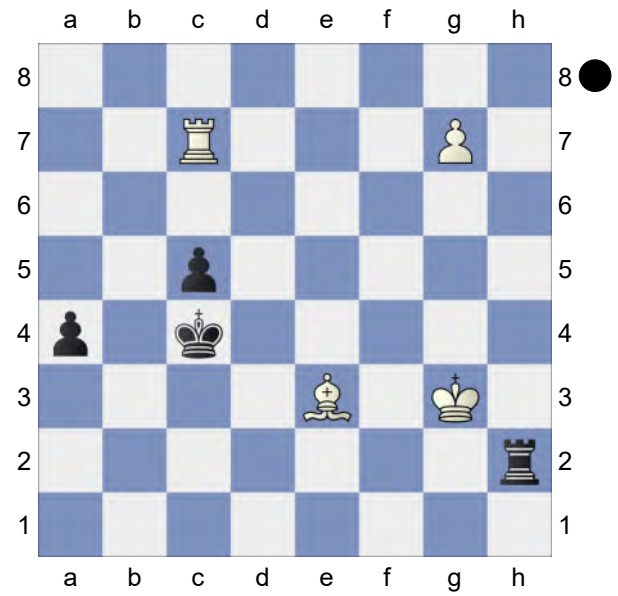
69.Kg3

(Diagram)



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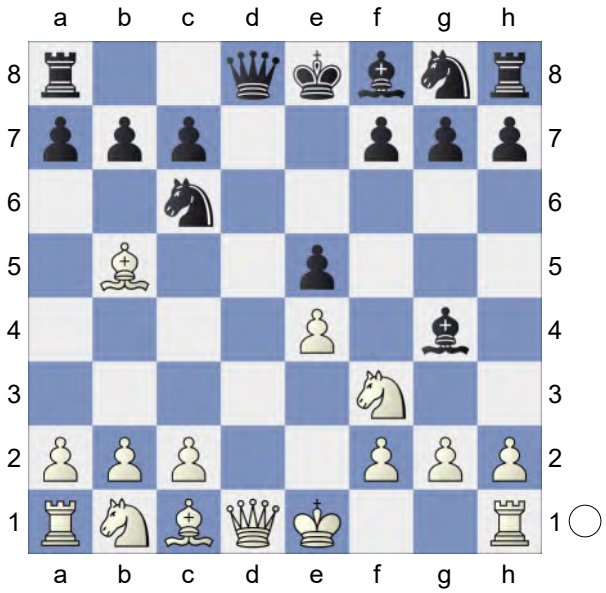
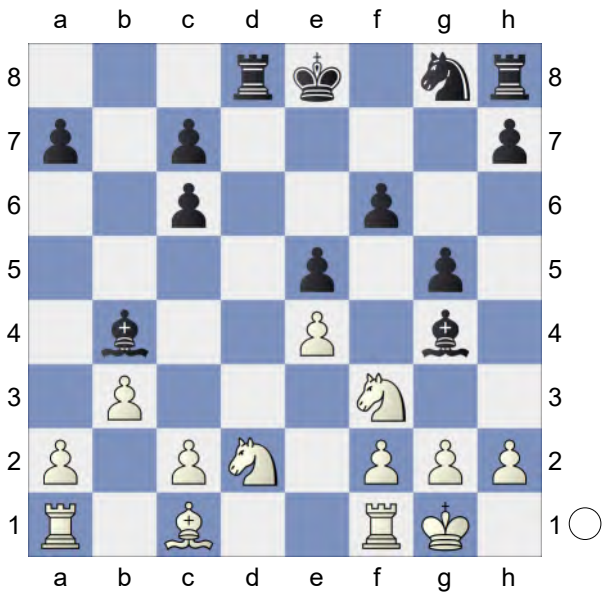
100 **A40**
□ **Vedder,R** **2216**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
Titled Tue 17th Dec Early blitz (6)
[Kitty Kat]

C62: Ruy Lopez: Steinitz Defence
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3
[3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]
3...Nc6 4.e4N
[4.Bg5 Be7 *(4...f6 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 Bf5 9.0-0* 13) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit with 3...d6 #1*)* 5.Bxe7 Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Rxb7 Rxd1+ 21.Nxd1 1-0 Kruse,E (1264)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0298 www.desc-online.de 1999]
4...Bg4 5.Bb5 dxe5



6.Qxd8+ Rxd8 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Nbd2 f6 9.0-0 g5 0.57/18
[9...a5= 0.18/19 feels stronger.]
10.b3 0.01/19
[10.Nb3± 0.57/18]
10...Bb4

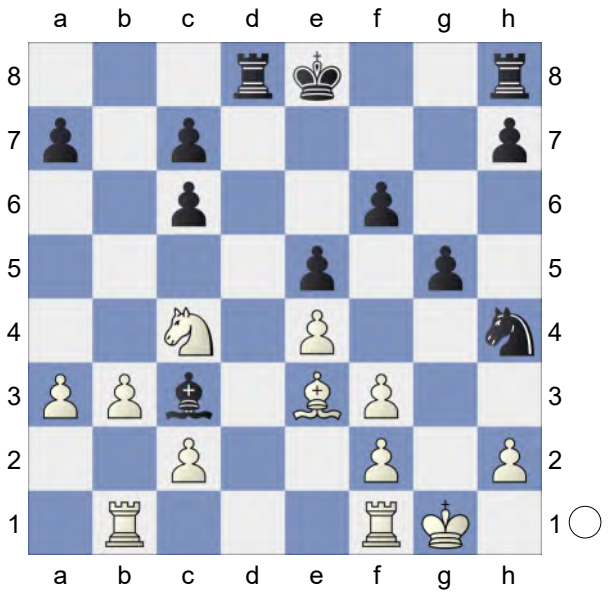
(Diagram)



11.a3 Bc3 12.Rb1 Ne7 13.Nc4 Bxf3 0.21/22

[⌓13...Ng6 -0.19/20]

14.gxf3= Ng6 15.Be3 Nh4



16.Bxa7 Nxf3+ 17.Kg2 g4 18.Rbd1 Ke7 19.b4 Bd4 20.Bxd4 exd4

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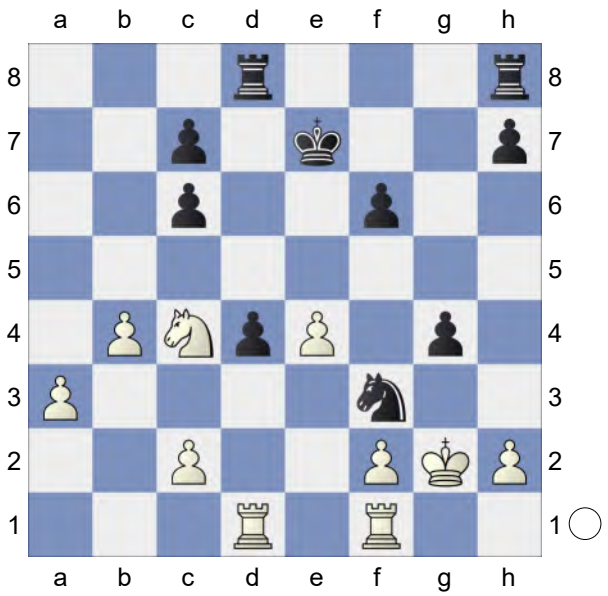
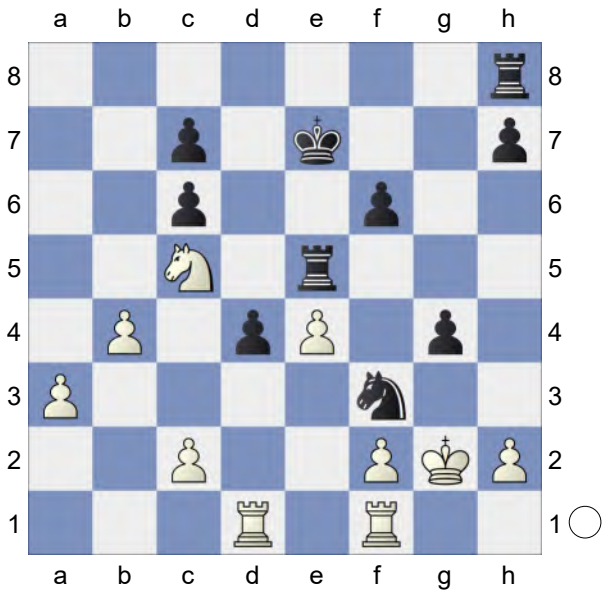


21.Na5 Rd6 0.69/23

[21...Ne5= 0.14/22]

22.Nb7 Threatens to win with h3!

22...Re6 23.Nc5 Re5

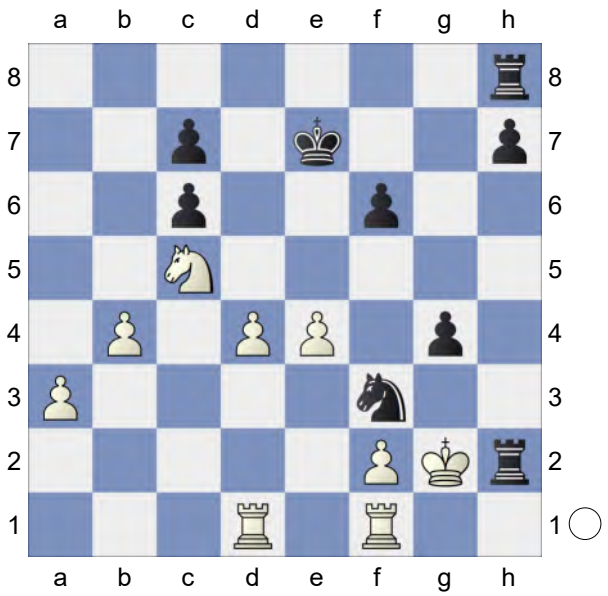


24.c3 -0.01/23 **Rh5 25.cxd4 Rxh2+** -0.37/5

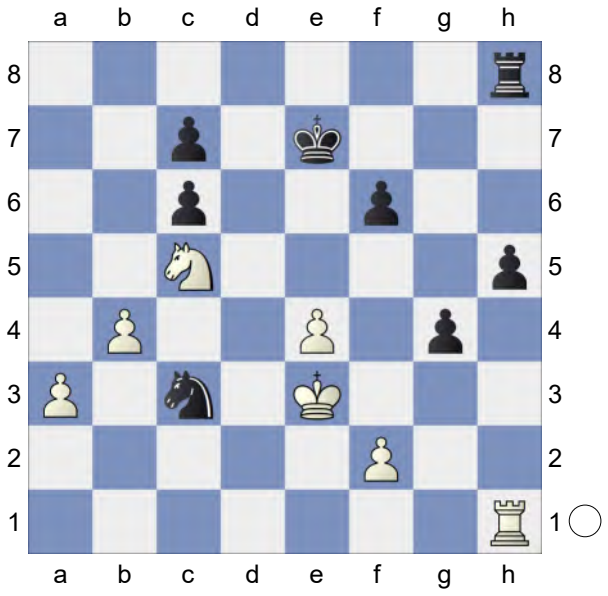
[25...Nxh2? is the wrong capture. 26.Rh1 g3 27.fxg3+- *(27.Kxg3 Rg8+ 28.Kf4 Rh3∓)*]

[25...Rh3= -0.01/23 is more appropriate.]

(Diagram)

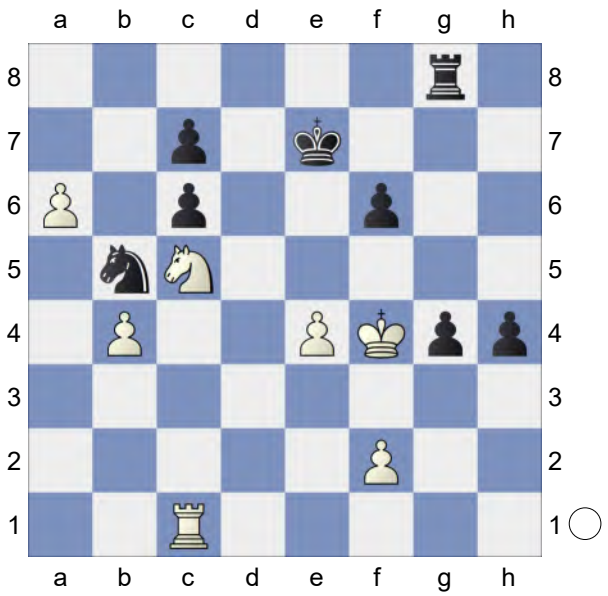


26.Kg3∓ h5⇄ aiming for ...Rg8. Black is fighting back **27.Rh1 Rxh1 28.Rxh1 Nxd4=** Endgame. KRN-KRN **29.Kf4 Ne2+** 0.87/21
[29...Ne6+= 0.01/20 30.Nxe6 Kxe6]
30.Ke3± White has strong compensation. **30...Nc3**

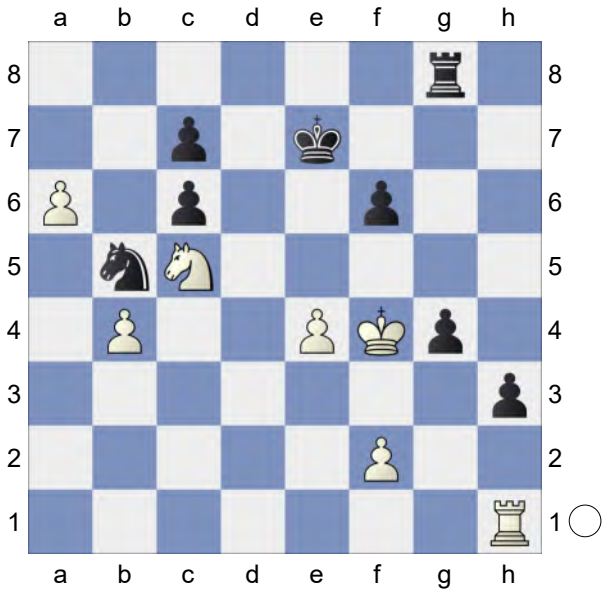


31.Rc1 Nb5 32.a4 Nd6 33.a5 h4 34.a6 Nb5 0.56/23
[34...Rg8= 0.11/20 is superior.]
35.Kf4 Rg8

(Diagram)



36.Rh1 0.24/21
[36.Nb3± 0.65/19]
36...h3 1.04/21
[36...g3!= 0.24/21 remains equal. 37.fxg3 *(37.Rxh4? too greedy. gxf2 38.Rh1 Rg1-+)* 37...hxg3]



37.Kg3 0.49/20
[37.Ra1!± 1.04/21]
37...Kd6 38.f3 gxf3+ 39.Kxf3 Rh8 40.Kg3 Ke5

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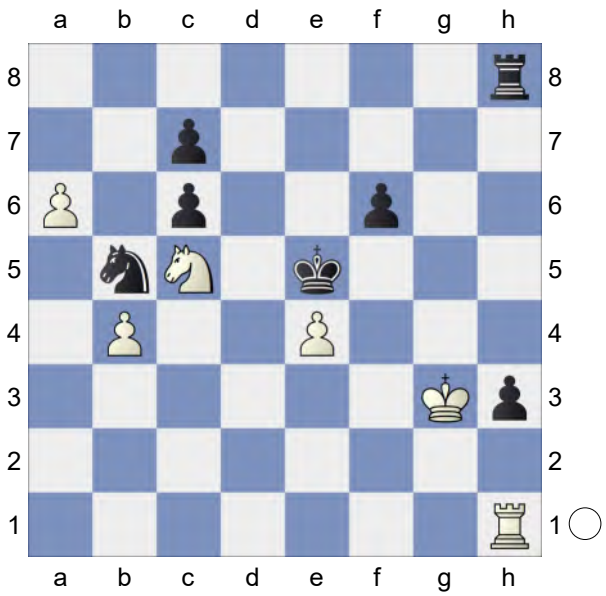


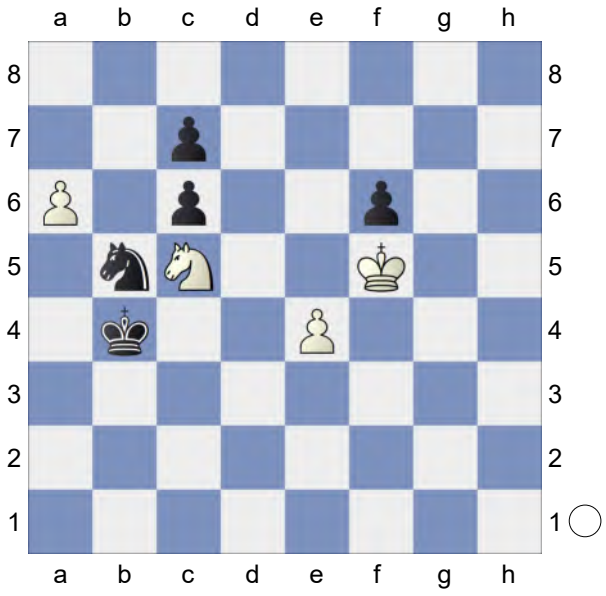
41.Rxh3 Rxh3+ 42.Kxh3= KN-KN **42...Kd4** 0.80/26

[42...f5!= 0.00/30 keeps the balance.]

43.Kg4± Kf5 would now be deadly. **43...Kc4 44.Kf5** 0.51/24

[44.Nd7± 1.21/25]

44...Kxb4±



45.Kxf6? -19.34/22 This move loses the game for White. **45...Kxc5-+**

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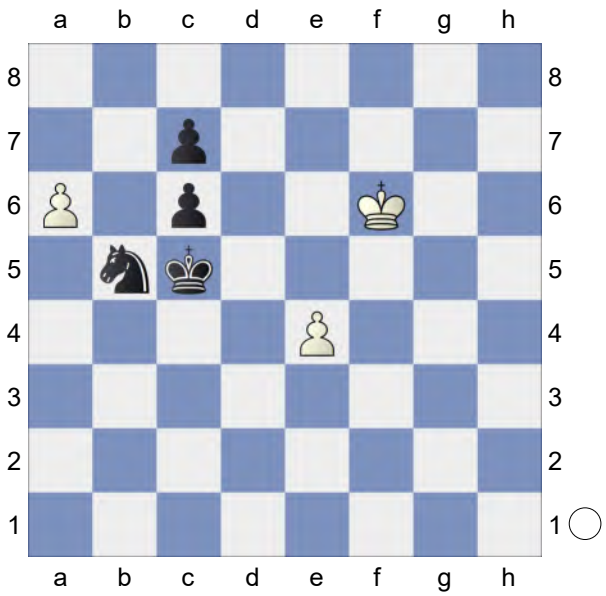

46.e5 Kb6 47.a7 Kxa7 48.e6 Kb6 -16.60/27

[⌓48...c5 -#20/26 49.Ke5 Nd6 50.Kf4 Kb6 51.Kg5 Kb5 52.Kf4 Kb4 53.Kg3 c4 54.Kf4 c3 55.Ke3 Ka3 56.e7 c2 57.Kd2 Kb2 58.Ke3 c1Q+ *(58...c1R* gets mated. *59.Kd4 Nf5+ 60.Ke5 Nxe7 61.Kf6 c5 62.Kxe7 c4 63.Kf6 Re1 64.Kg7 c3 65.Kf7 c2 66.Kg6 Rf1 67.Kh5 Rg1 68.Kh6 c1Q+ 69.Kh7 Qc7+ 70.Kh8 Qh2#)* 59.Kf3 Qg5 60.e8B Nxe8 61.Ke4 Kc3 62.Kf3 Kd3 63.Kf2 Qg4 64.Kf1 Ke3 65.Ke1 Qg1#]

49.e7 Nd6

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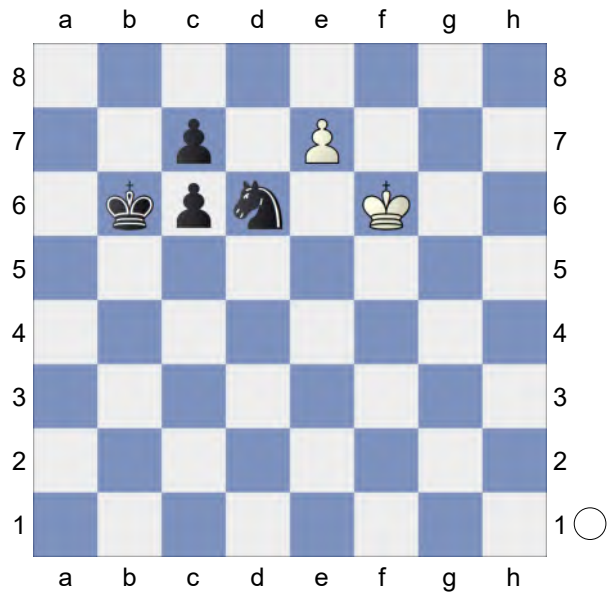

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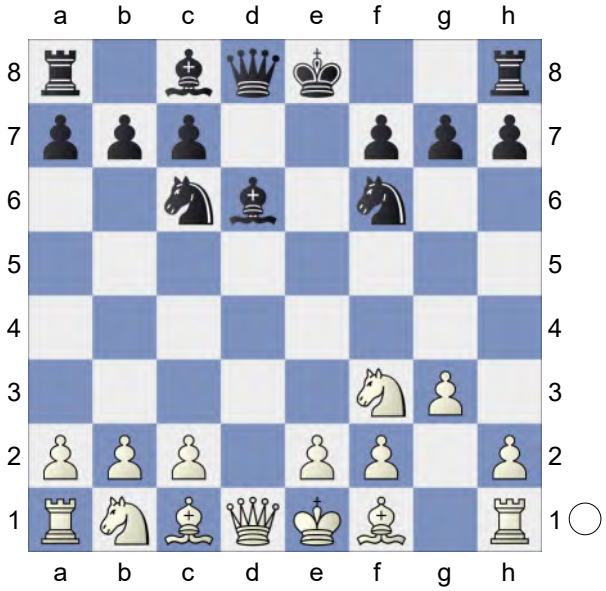
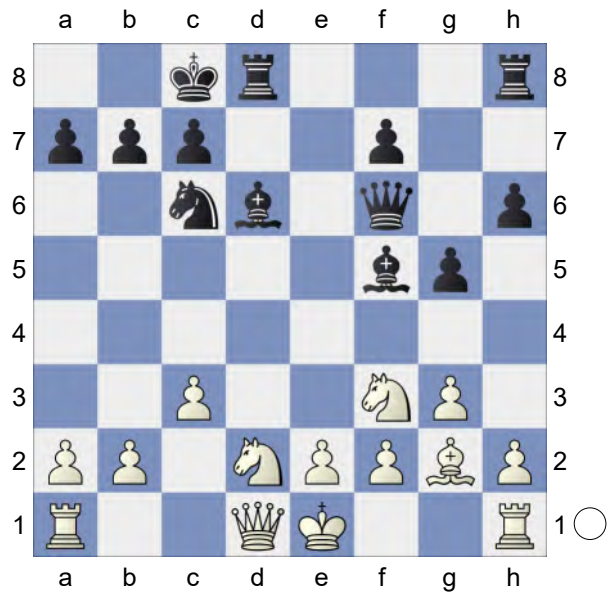
101 **A40**
□ **Herbrig,Alexander** **2325**
■ **Shearsby,Jude** **2249**
Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz (8)
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6**
[2...Nc6 3.Nf3 Qe7 4.Bf4 Qb4+ 5.Bd2 Qxb2 6.Nc3 Kd8 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.Rb3 Qe7 9.Bf4 Qe8 10.e3 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Bb5 d6 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.exd4 Kc8 17.Qf3 0-1 (63) Blasovszky,I-Almasi,Z (2340) op Kobanya 1991 (5)]
3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nf6N
[4...Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1 ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986 Qxc3+ 20.Kf1 Rxd4 21.Bxd4 Qxd4 22.Rd1 Qf6 23.Qe3 Qc6 24.Bd5 Qa6+ 25.Kg2 Nf6 26.Qc3 Re8 27.Bf3 Ne4 28.Rhe1 Qa4 29.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 30.f3 Bc6 31.Rxe8+ Bxe8 32.Re1 Qd7 33.Qe5 Kd8 34.Re2 ½-½ (39) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0223 www.desc-online.de 1999]
[4...Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Kb1 Bf6 19.Rd6 ½-½ (54) Leisebein,P (1200)-Grott,P (1200) V0041 www.desc-online.de 1999]
5.g3 Nc6

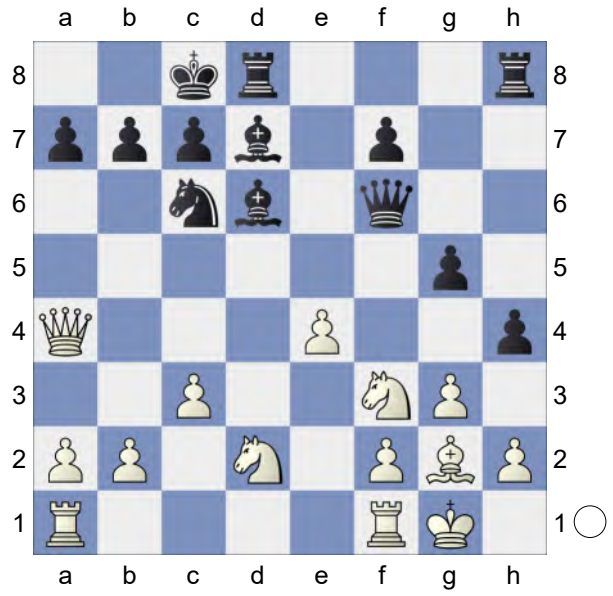


6.Bg2 Bf5 7.Bg5 0.69/21
[7.0-0± 1.06/19]
7...h6 8.Bxf6 White is better. **8...Qxf6 9.c3! 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 g5**

(Diagram)

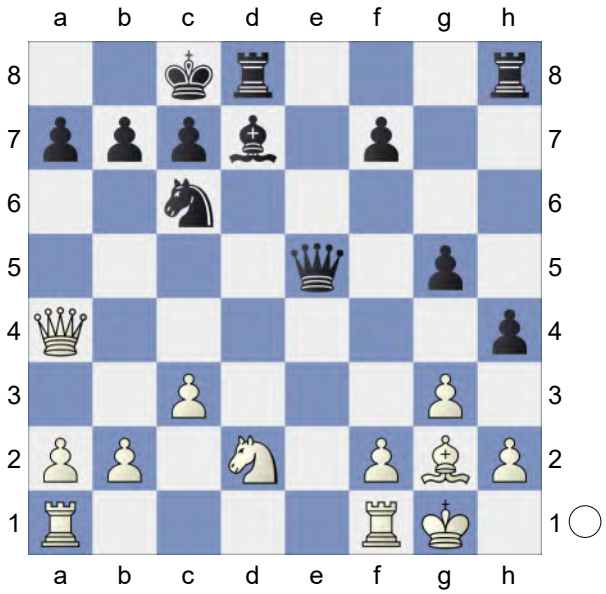


11.0-0 h5 12.Qa4 0.42/20
[12.Qb3± 0.84/21]
12...h4± 13.e4 0.00/20
[13.Ne4± 0.43/20 Qg6 14.Nxd6+ *(14.Nfxg5? Be7∓; 14.Nexg5? hxg3 15.hxg3 f6-+)* 14...Rxd6 15.b4]
13...Bd7 0.51/18
[13...Be6= 0.00/20 14.e5 Nxe5 *(14...Bxe5 15.Ne4±)*]

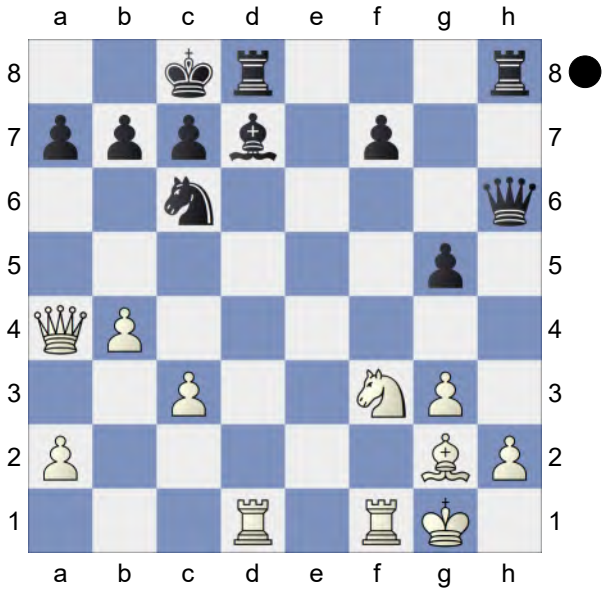


14.e5! Deflection **14...Bxe5** And now ... Qh6 would win. **15.Nxe5** -0.47/22
[15.Ne4± 0.36/20 Qh6 16.Nc5]

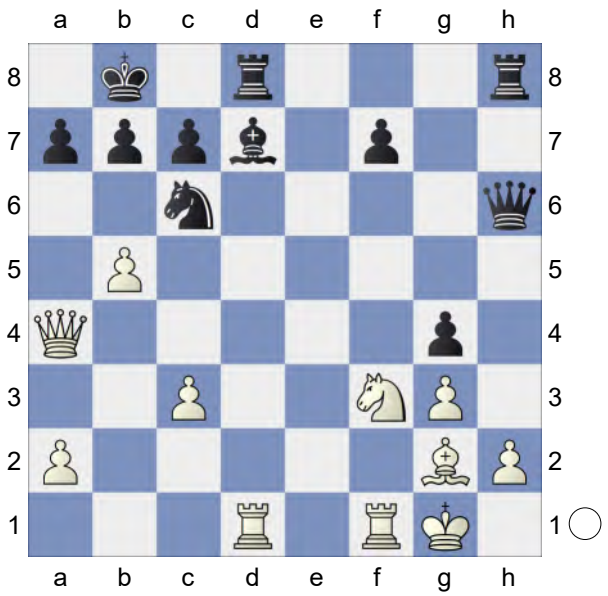
15...Qxe5∓



16.Nf3 -1.12/19
[16.Rfe1∓ -0.52/21 Qg7 17.Bd5]
16...Qf6 17.Rad1 hxg3 -0.27/23
[Better is 17...Kb8∓ -1.10/20 18.Rd5 h3]
18.fxg3= Qh6 19.b4 -1.26/21
[19.g4= -0.29/19 keeps the balance.]



19...Kb8 -0.29/19
[19...g4!∓ -1.26/21 20.Nh4 Qe3+ 21.Kh1 Qxc3]
20.b5 Rxd7 is the strong threat. **20...g4!**



21.Nh4 Ne5 Strongly threatening ... Qb6+.

[Don't blunder 21...Qe3+? 22.Kh1 Ne5 23.Rde1 Qxc3 24.Qe4±]

22.Qe4! Qb6+ 23.Qd4? -1.95/21 Loses the game.

[23.Kh1!= -0.21/19 and White is okay. Rde8 *(23...Qxb5?* loses. *24.Rb1+-* Deflection *)* 24.a4]

23...Bxb5-+

[23...Qxb5? is the wrong capture. 24.Rb1 Nf3+ 25.Bxf3 gxf3 26.Rxb5+-]

24.Qxb6 axb6 25.Rfe1 f6

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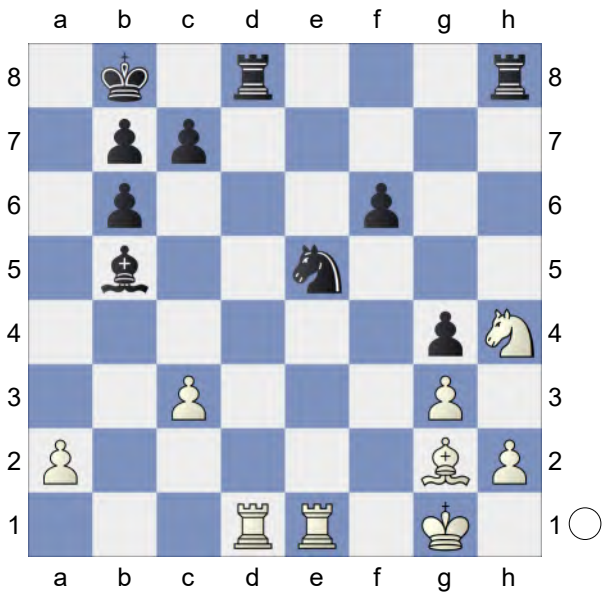


26.Nf5 -2.41/23

[⌓26.Be4 -1.85/20]

26...Bc4 27.a3 -2.46/22

[27.a4 -1.99/18 was necessary.]

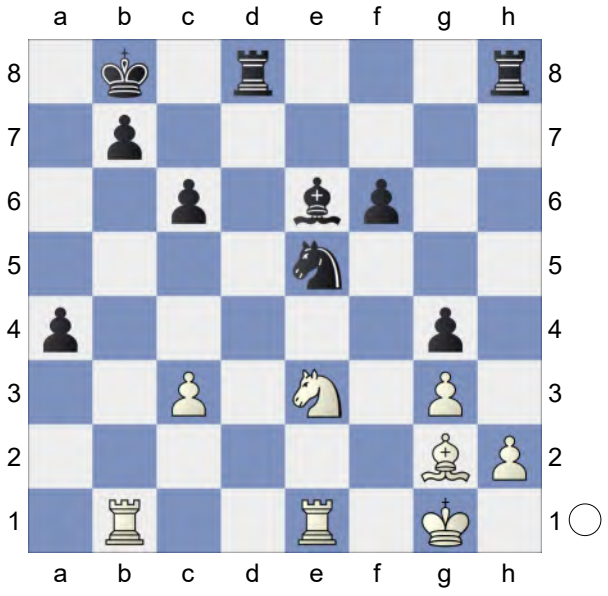
27...b5 28.Ne3 Be6 29.Rb1 -2.83/20

[⌓29.Rf1 -1.91/22]

29...c6 30.a4? -4.49/21

[30.Be4 -2.68/20 might work better.]

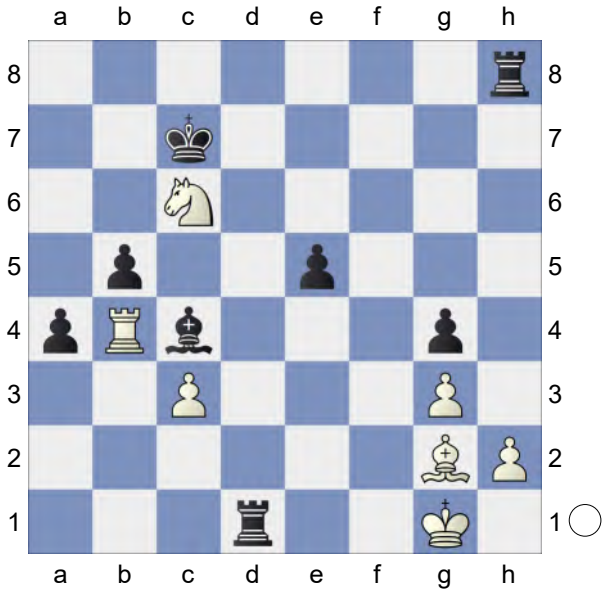
30...bxa4



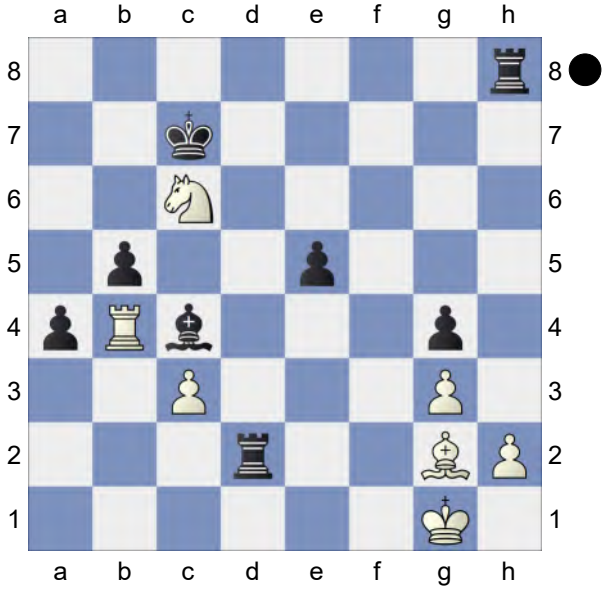
31.Nc2 Kc7 32.Nd4 Bc4 33.Rb4 b5 ...Kb6 would now be deadly. **34.Rxe5** -9.76/21

[⌓34.Ra1 -4.28/17]

34...fxe5 35.Nxc6 Rd1+ -#5/21
[35...Rd2-+ -9.56/19 36.Rb1 Rxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Kxc6]



36.Kf2 Rd2+ -26.73/25
[⌓36...Rf8+ -#5/14 37.Ke3 Re1+ *(37...Rd3+? 38.Ke4-+)* 38.Kd2 Re2+ 39.Kc1 Rxg2 40.Nxe5 Rf1#]
37.Kg1



Rxg2+! -22.75/21 **38.Kxg2 Kxc6 39.h4 gxh3+**

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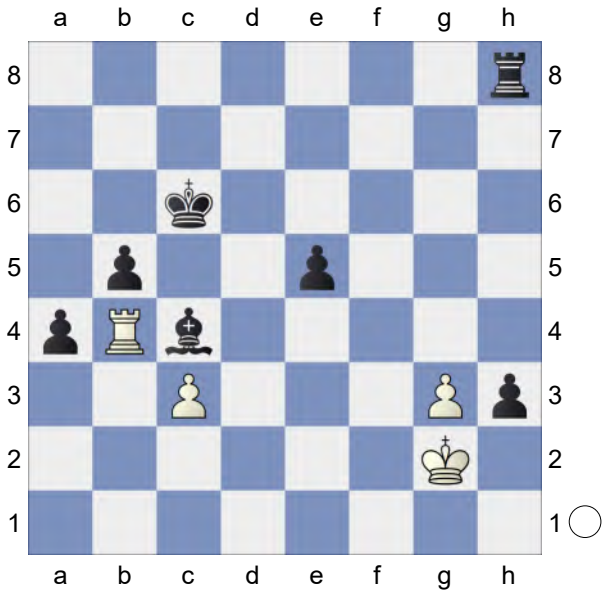

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102 **A40**
□ **Boor,Carl** **2231**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
Titled Tue 20. Aug Late (5) 20.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C41: Philidor Defence
From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6**
[2...Nc6 3.Nf3 Qe7 4.Bf4 Qb4+ 5.Bd2 Qxb2 6.Nc3 Kd8 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.Rb3 Qe7 9.Bf4 Qe8 10.e3 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Bb5 d6 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Bxd7 Nxd7

16.exd4 Kc8 17.Qf3 0-1 (63) Blasovszky,I-Almasi,Z (2340) op Kobanya 1991 (5)]

3.Nf3

[3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]

3...Bg4 4.e4N

[4.Bg5 Qc8 *(4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 19.Qd5* 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 *Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 34.Bd1* 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979*)* 5.Nbd2 Nc6 6.exd6 Bxd6 7.e3 h6 8.Bh4 Nge7 9.Bc4 Nf5 10.Bg3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 Qf5 12.Be2 0-0-0 13.c3 Qe6 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.Bxg4 Nc2+ 16.Qxc2 Qxg4 17.Rh4 Qe6 18.Qa4 Bxg3 0-1 (31) Musicant,R-Scherfke,F Compuserve email 1997]

4...Nd7 5.exd6 Bxd6

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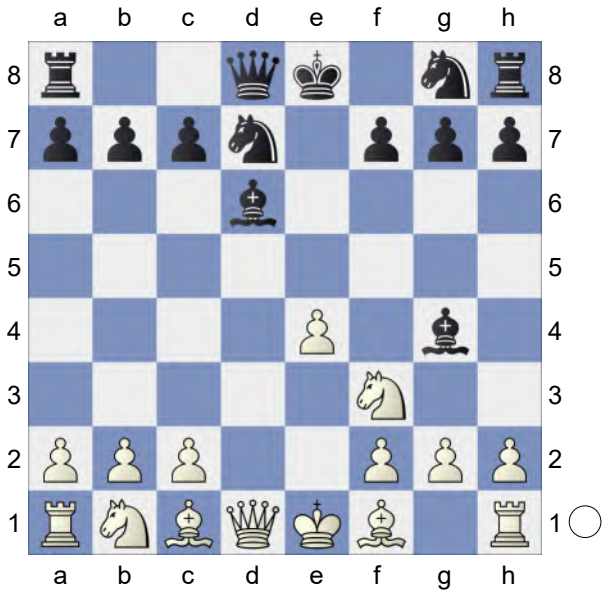


6.Be2 Qe7 1.57/19

[⌓6...Ngf6 1.04/20]

7.h3 0.88/22

[⌓7.Nd4 1.57/19 Be6 8.Nd2]

7...Bh5± 8.Nd4 -0.05/20

[White should play 8.0-0± 0.85/21]

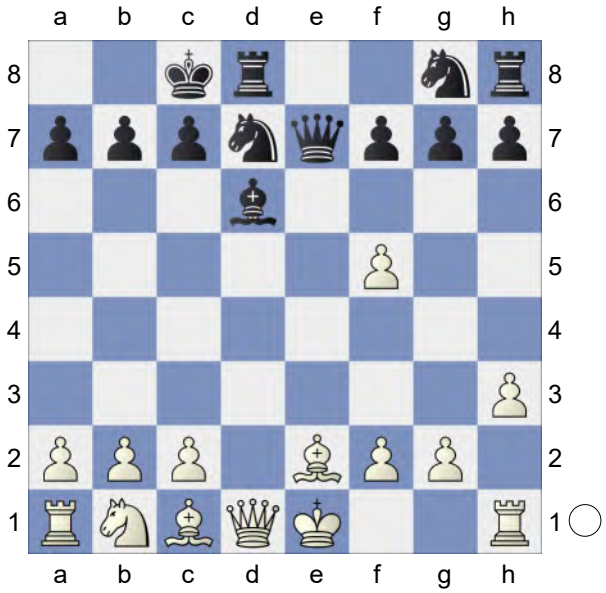
8...Bg6 0.68/20

[8...Qxe4= -0.05/20 9.0-0 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Qxe2 11.Nxe2 0-0-0]

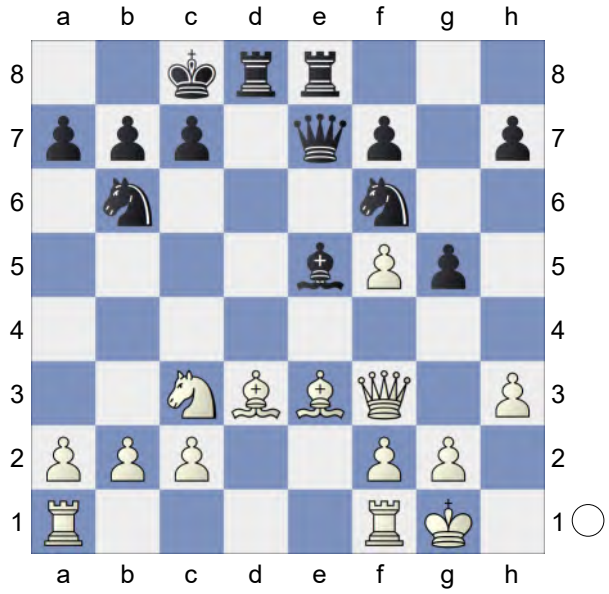
9.Nf5 0.25/19

[9.0-0± 0.68/20 should be considered.]

9...Bxf5= 10.exf5 0-0-0



11.Be3 -0.52/21
[White should try 11.Qd3± 0.36/21]
11...Ngf6!∓ Black has compensation.
12.Nc3 Nb6 -0.14/20 Dodges Bc4
[12...Rhe8!∓ -0.51/23]
13.Bd3= This pair of bishops is nice.
13...Rhe8 0.78/24
[13...Bc5= -0.17/22 14.0-0 Bxe3 15.fxe3 Qxe3+ 16.Rf2 Nbd7]
14.Qf3 -0.15/22
[14.0-0± 0.78/24]
14...Be5 1.13/23
[14...Bc5= -0.15/22]
15.0-0± g5? 3.16/18
[15...Qb4± 1.31/18]



16.Bxg5+- Rg8 17.Bh4 Qc5 18.a4 Rd4 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.a5 Nd5

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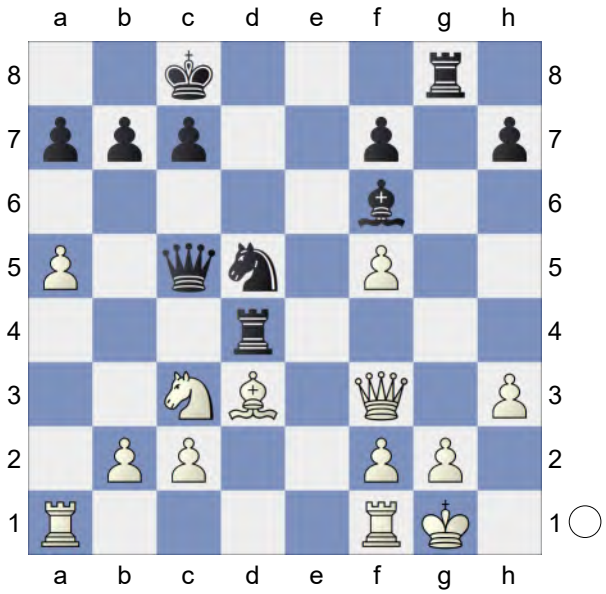
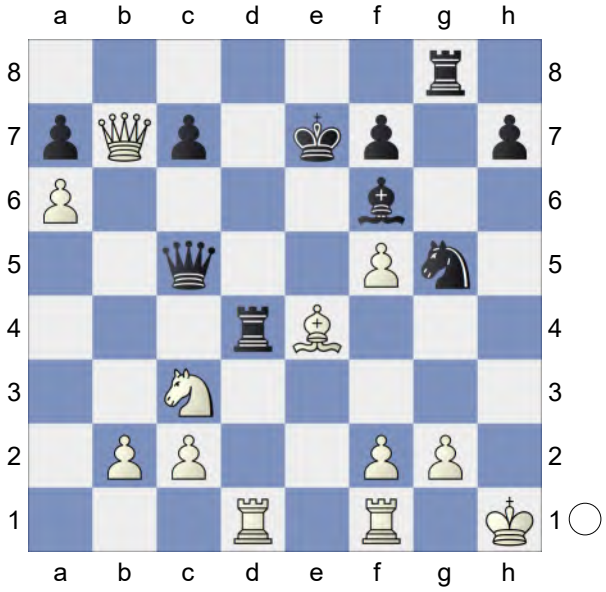


21.a6 Nf4 22.Qxb7+
[Don't take 22.axb7+ Kb8 23.Ne4 Qxf5 24.Nxf6 Qxf6]
22...Kd7 23.Be4 Nxh3+ 24.Kh1 Ng5 25.Rad1 Ke7



26.Rxd4 Bxd4 27.Nd5+ Kd6 28.b4? 0.46/20
[28.Nxc7+- 4.20/19 Nxe4 29.Qxe4 Kxc7 30.Rd1]
28...Qc4± 29.Ne3 -3.42/17
[29.Bd3!± 0.53/20 Qxd5 30.f4]
29...Bxe3-+ 30.Rd1+ Ke5
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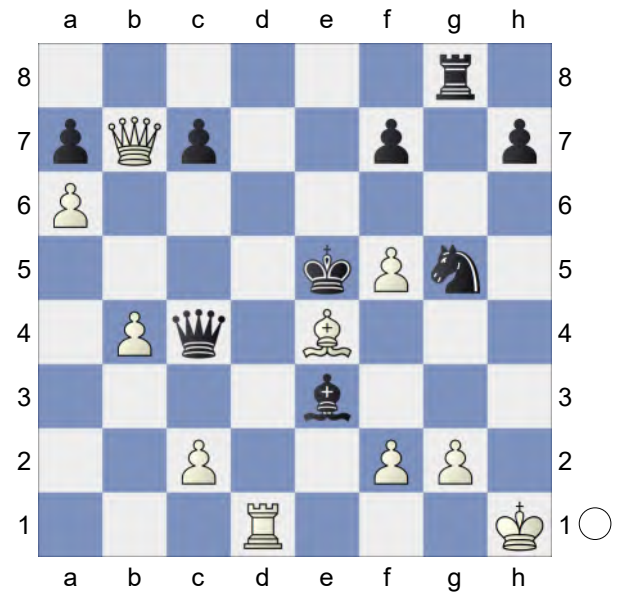

31.Rd5+? -8.36/21
[31.f4+ -3.37/19 Bxf4 32.Bd3]
31...Kxe4?? 9.91/19
[31...Kf6-+ -8.36/21 32.Rd3 Nxe4 *(32...Bxf2? 33.Qc6+ Qxc6 34.Bxc6-+)* 33.fxe3 Nf2+ *(33...Kxf5? 34.Qd5+ Qxd5 35.Rxd5+ Ke6 36.Rd4-+)* 34.Kg1 Nxd3 35.cxd3 Qc1+ *(35...Qxd3? 36.Qc6+ Kxf5 37.Qf3+ Ke6 38.Qc6+ Qd6 39.Qf3-+)* 36.Kh2 Rg4 *(36...Qxe3? 37.Qxc7 Qe5+ 38.Qxe5+ Kxe5 39.Kh3-+)*]
32.Rc5++- **Kd4** **33.Rxc4+** **Kxc4**
34.fxe3 Endgame. KQ-KRN **34...c5**
35.Qc6

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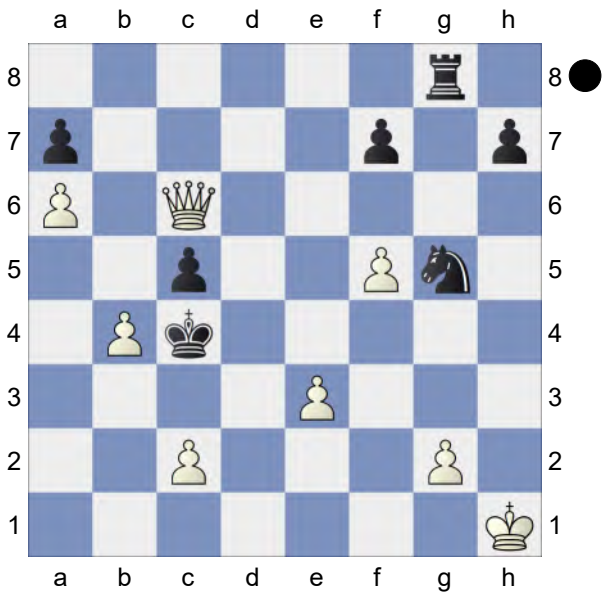

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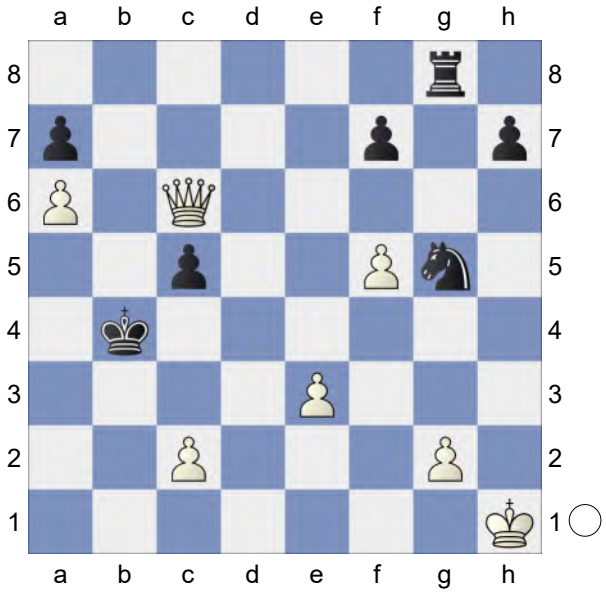

36.Qb7+ **Kc4** **37.Qxa7** 8.53/18
[⌓37.Qb3# #1/18]
37...Ne4 **38.Qxf7+** **Kc3** **39.Qxg8**

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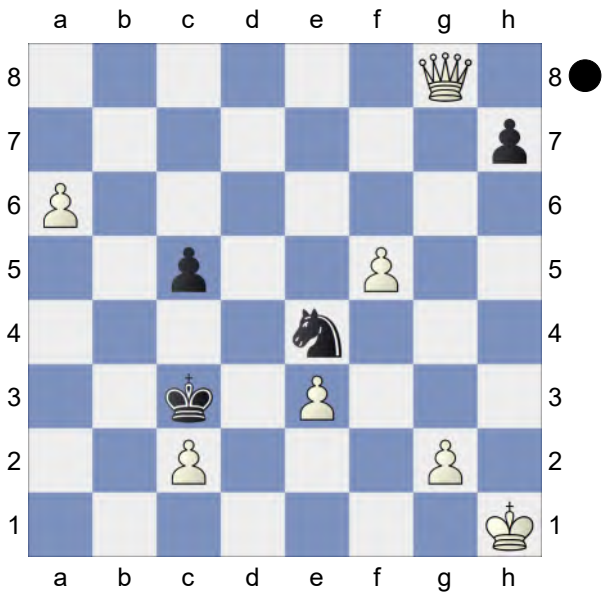
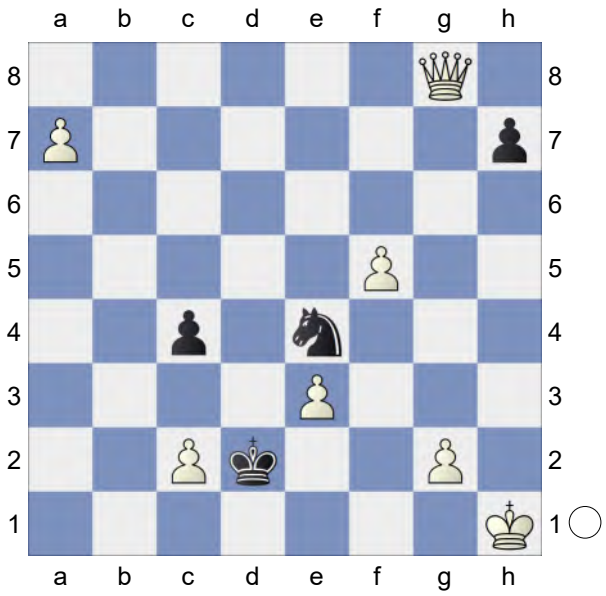


Intending a7 and mate. **39...c4 40.a7**
White mates. **40...Kd2**



41.Qd5+ Ke2 42.Qxe4 c3 43.Qd3+ Ke1 44.e4 Kf2 45.e5 Ke1

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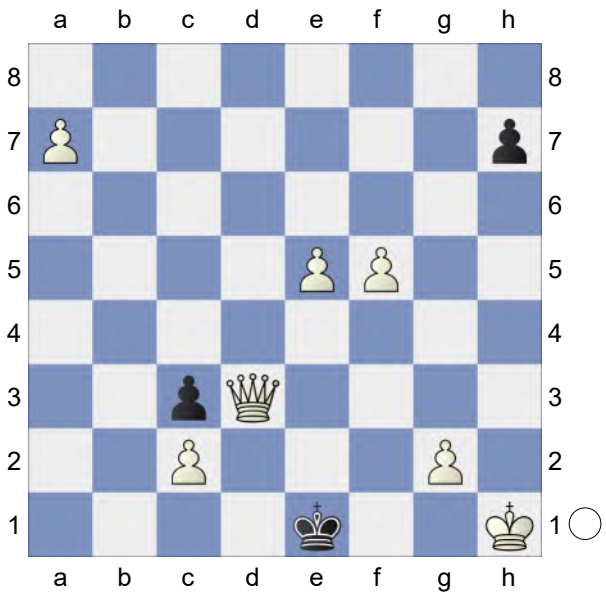
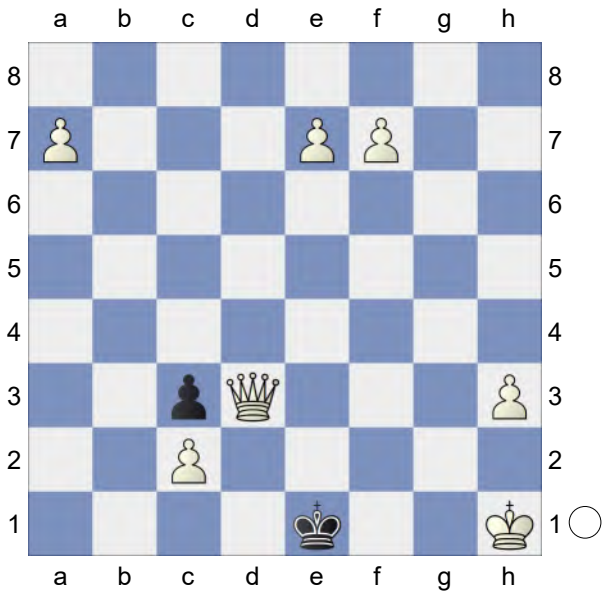


46.f6 Kf2 47.e6 h5 48.f7 h4 49.e7 h3 50.gxh3 Ke1



51.e8Q+ Kf2 52.f8Q#

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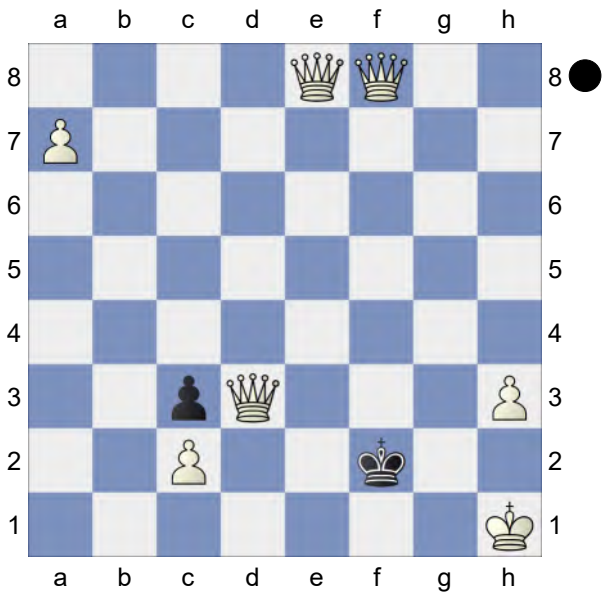

Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/ Black=0.85
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103 **A40**
□ **Garg,Priyansh** **2095**
■ **Arslanov,S** **2410**
Titled Tue 8th Jul Early blitz (1) 08.07.25
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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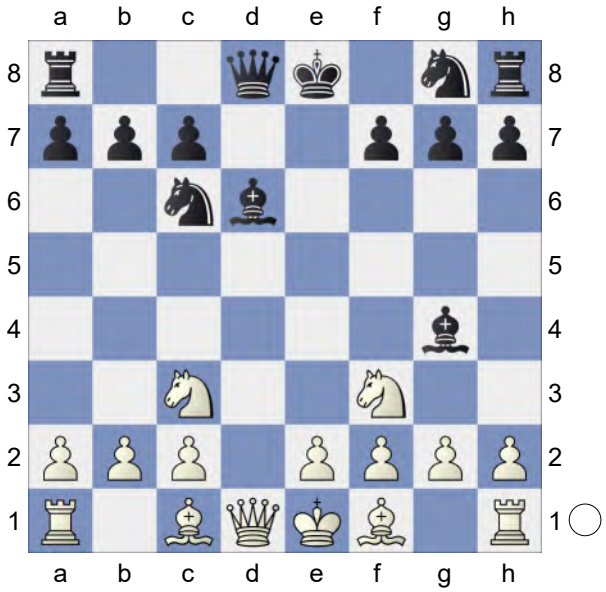
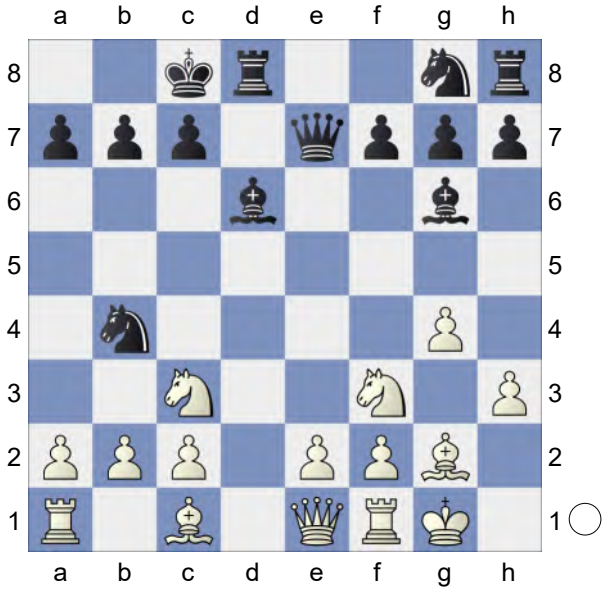
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6**

4.exd6
[4.Nc3 Bg4 5.Bg5 Qd7 6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623)-Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]
4...Bxd6 5.Nc3 Bg4

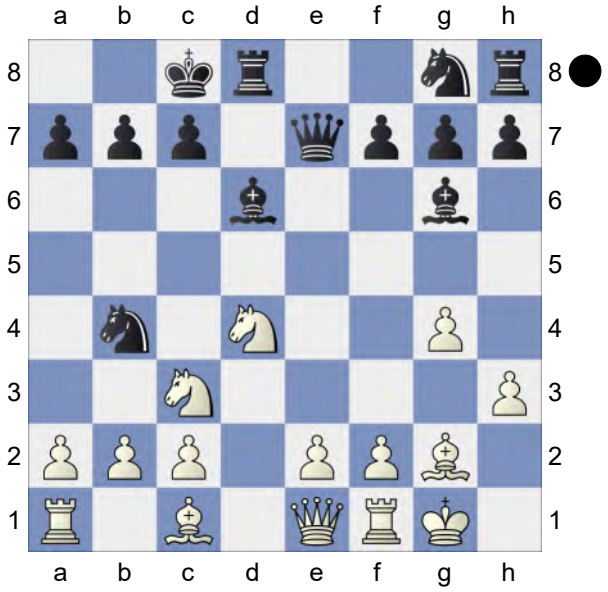


6.h3N
[6.e4 Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxd6 a4 18.Qc4 Rfc8 19.Bf4 Qb7 20.Qd5 b3 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]
[6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

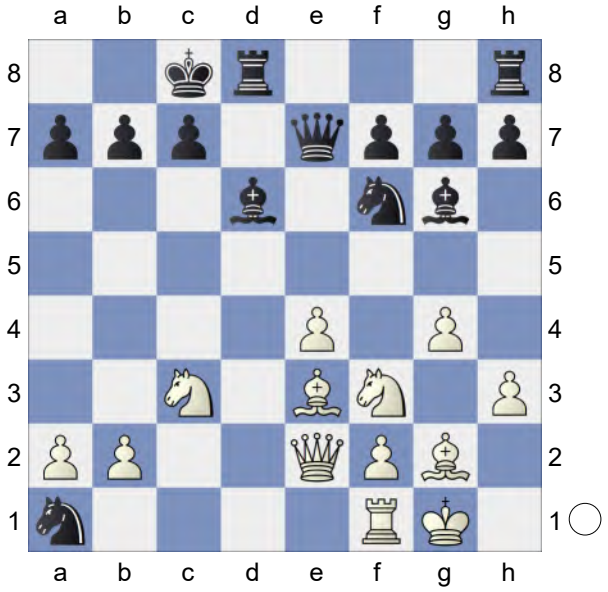
6...Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.Bg2 White is better. **8...Qe7** 1.89/21
[8...h5± 1.15/21]
9.0-0? 0.22/20
[9.Nd4+- 1.89/21 Na5 10.Nd5]
9...0-0-0= 10.Qe1 Nb4



11.Nd4



and Ncb5 should not be overlooked
11...Qe5 12.Nf3 Prevents Qh2+.
12...Qe7 13.e4? -1.45/23
[13.Nb5!= 0.29/20]
13...Nxc2∓ Black is more active. **14.Qe2 Nxa1 15.Be3** -2.04/21
[15.Bg5 -1.66/19 keeps fighting. Nf6 *(15...f6? 16.Be3-+)* 16.Rxa1]
15...Nf6-+
[15...Nb3 16.axb3 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 Qxe4 18.Nd4±]



...Nxe4! is the strong threat. **16.e5** -2.92/22
[⮌16.Rxa1 -1.90/20 Nxe4 *(16...Bxe4? 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bxa7-+)* 17.Nd4]
16...Bxe5 17.Qb5 -4.42/22
[17.Nxe5 -1.84/22 Qxe5 18.Rxa1]

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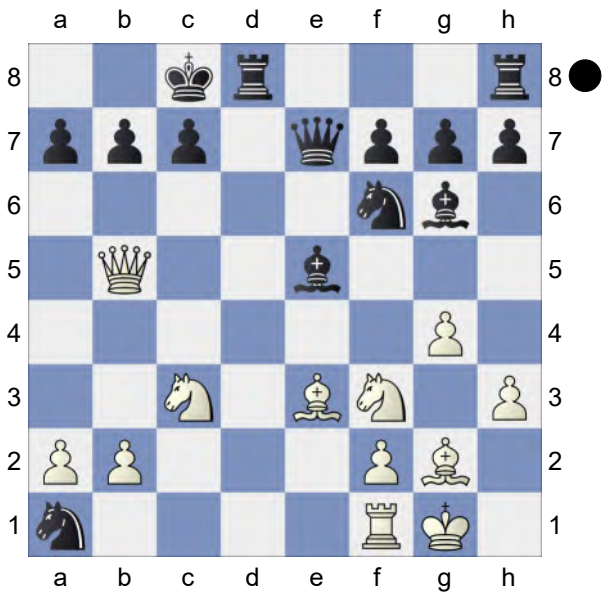

17...Bxc3 Black is clearly winning.
[17...Bd3 18.Qxe5 Qxe5 19.Nxe5 Bxf1 *(19...Nc2? 20.Nxd3 Rxd3 21.g5-+)* 20.Bxf1-+]
18.Nd4 Be4
[Stronger than 18...Bxd4 19.Bxb7+ Kb8 20.Bc6+ Bb6 21.Qa6 Bxe3 22.Qb7#]
[Not 18...c6 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Qxc6+ Qc7 21.Qa6+ Kd7 22.Rxa1-+]
19.bxc3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.23 (precise)
20...Nc2

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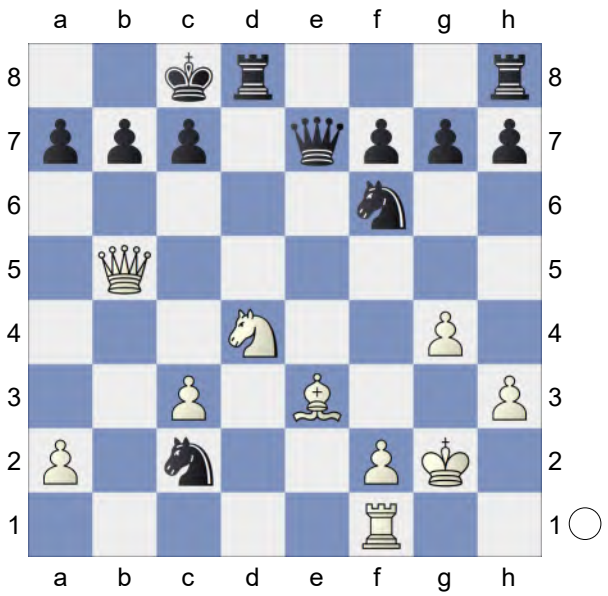

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104 **A40**
□ **Sethuraman,Sandeep** **2381**
■ **Dyulgerov,Volen** **2200**
Titled Tue 5th Mar Early blitz (5) 5.3.24
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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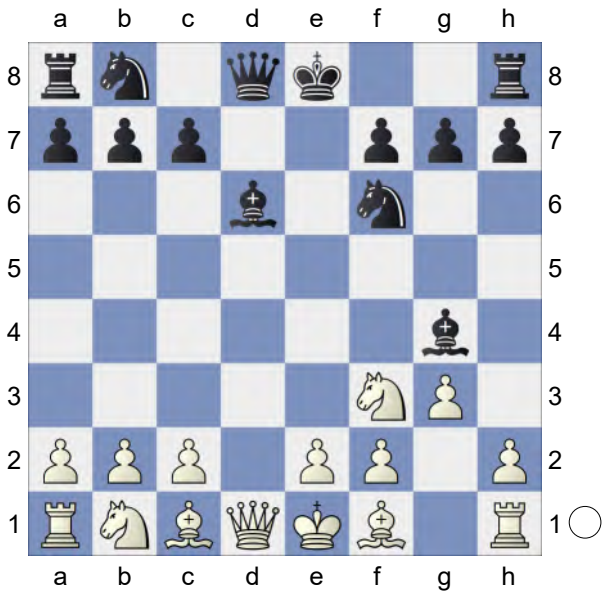
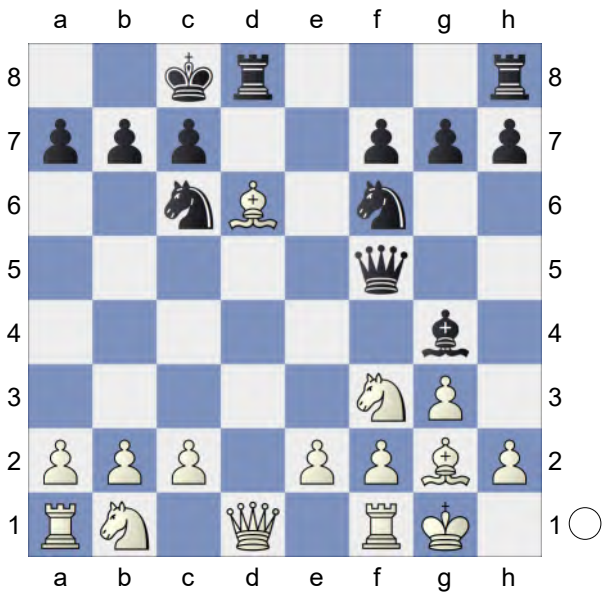
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6**
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
3...Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.g3 Bg4N
[5...Nc6 6.Bg2 Bf5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.c3 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 g5 11.0-0 h5 12.Qa4 h4 13.e4 Bd7 14.e5 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Nf3 Qf6

17.Rad1 hxg3 18.fxg3 Qh6 19.b4 Kb8 20.b5 0-1 (39) Herbrig,A (2325)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (8)]

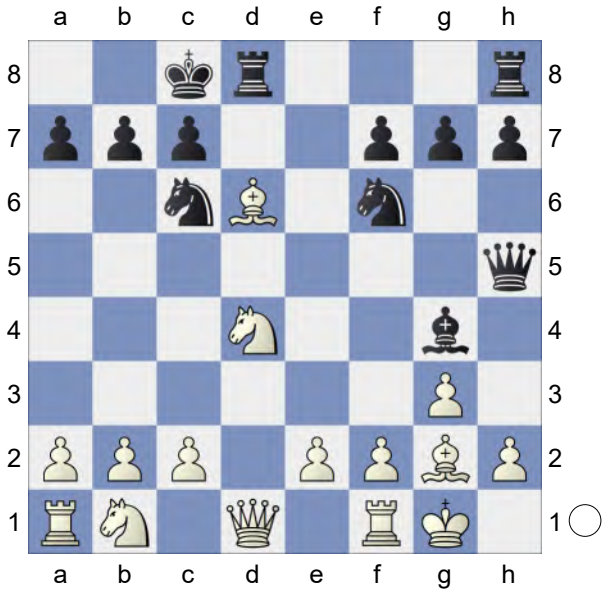


6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 Qd7 1.47/19
[⩲7...Qe7 1.05/19]
8.Bf4 White is clearly better. **8...0-0-0**
9.Bxd6 Qf5 2.61/19
[9...Qxd6± 1.43/19 is a better defense. 10.Qxd6 Rxd6]

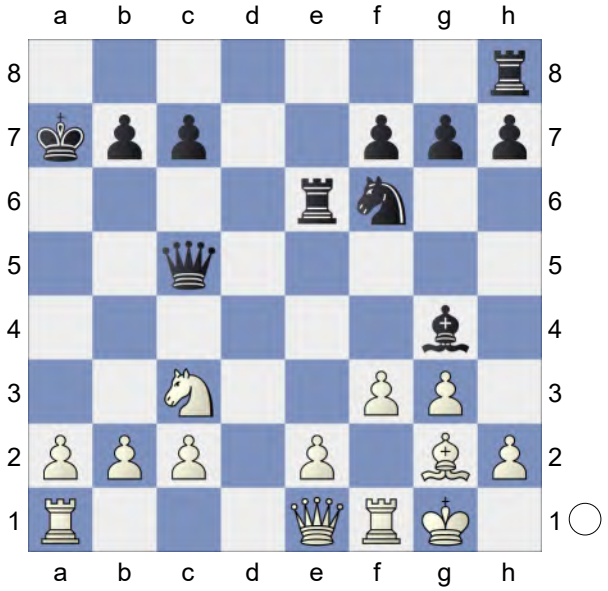


10.Nd4!+-

[Not 10.Nh4 Qe6±]
10...Qh5



11.Nxc6 Rxd6 12.Nxa7+ Kb8 13.Qe1 Kxa7 14.Nc3 Re6 15.f3 Qc5+



16.Qf2 Qxf2+ 17.Kxf2 Bf5 18.e4 Bg6 19.Rfd1 h5 20.h4 c6

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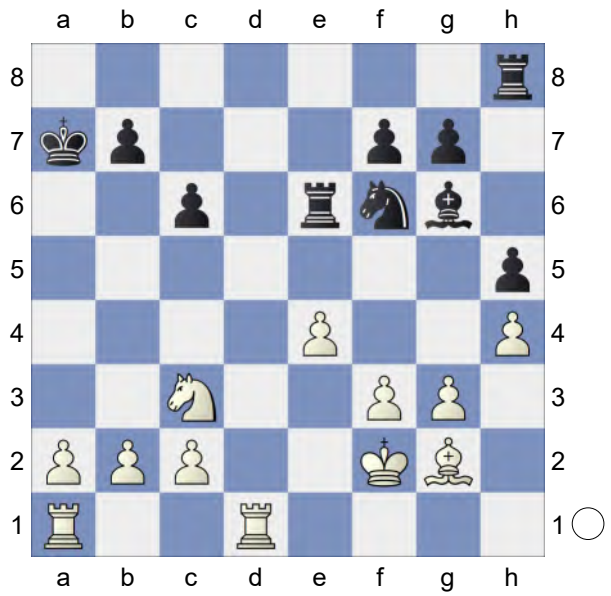
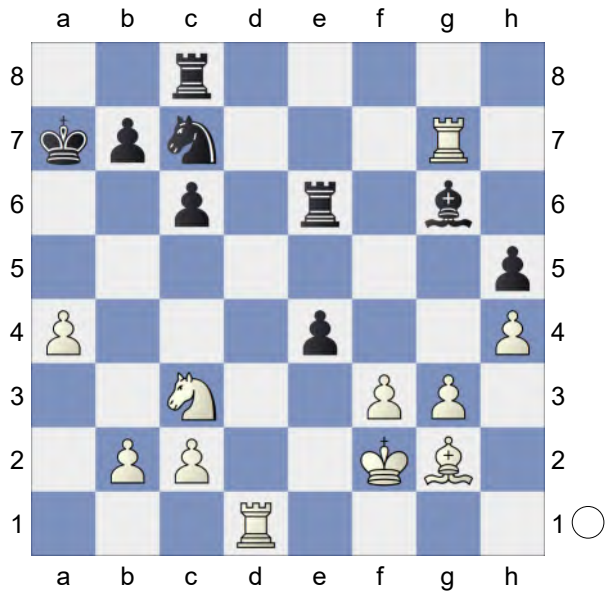


21.Rd4 Ne8 22.Rad1 Nc7 23.Rd7 Rc8 24.a4 f5 25.Rxg7 fxe4



26.fxe4 Rf8+ 27.Kg1 Ref6? 6.24/19
[27...Ne8 3.85/19]

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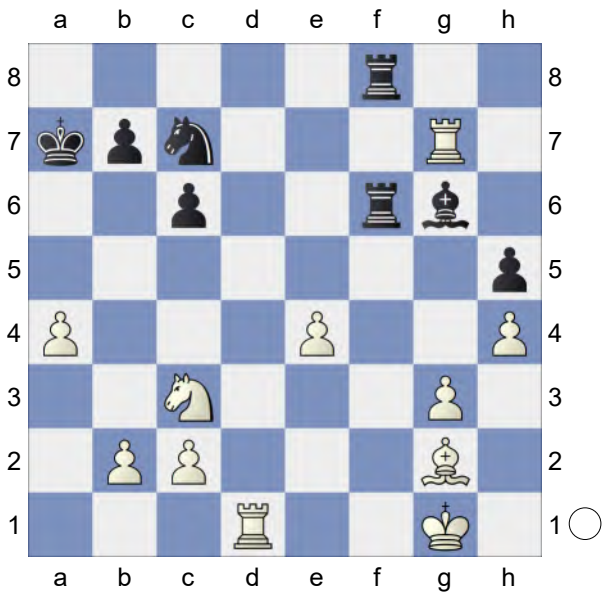
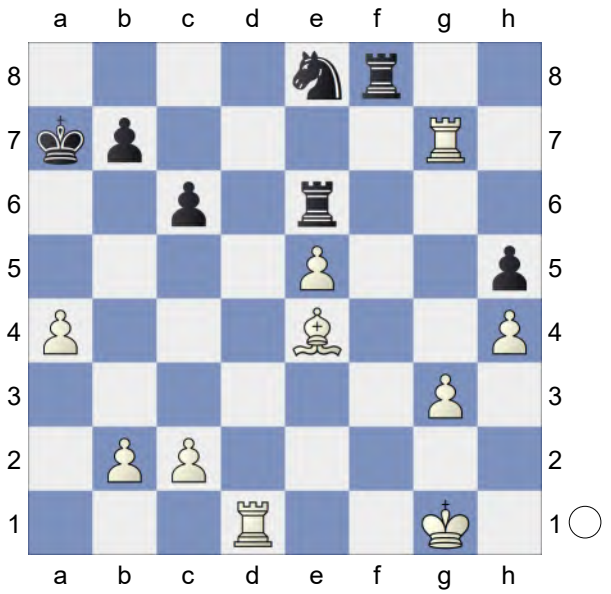


28.e5 Re6 29.Ne4 Bxe4 30.Bxe4 Ne8 4.75/18
[⌓30...Rxe5 3.37/16 31.Bxc6 bxc6]



31.Rg5 Nf6 32.exf6 Rxe4 Endgame KRR-KRR. White is 3 pawns up. **33.Rf1 Re6 34.f7 Re7 35.Rgf5 Ka6**

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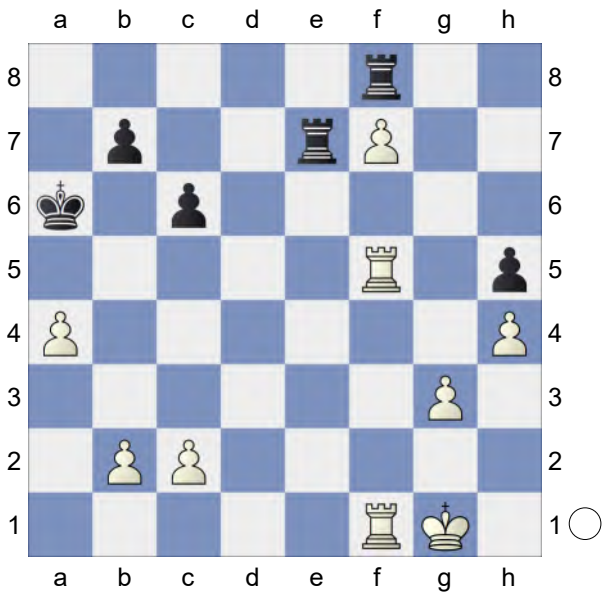
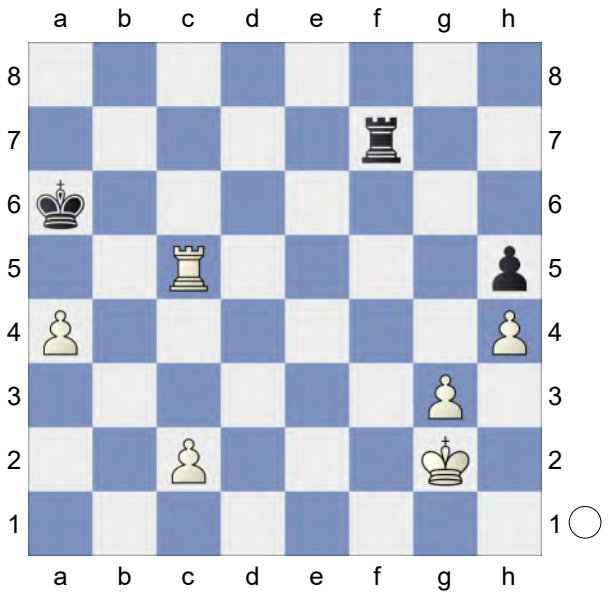


36.Kg2 b6 37.b4 c5 38.bxc5 bxc5 39.Rxc5 Rfxf7 40.Rxf7 Rxf7



41.Rxh5 KR-KR. White is 4 pawns up. **41...Re7 42.Rg5 Re2+ 43.Kh3 Rxc2 44.h5 Rc5** Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.45
45.Rxc5

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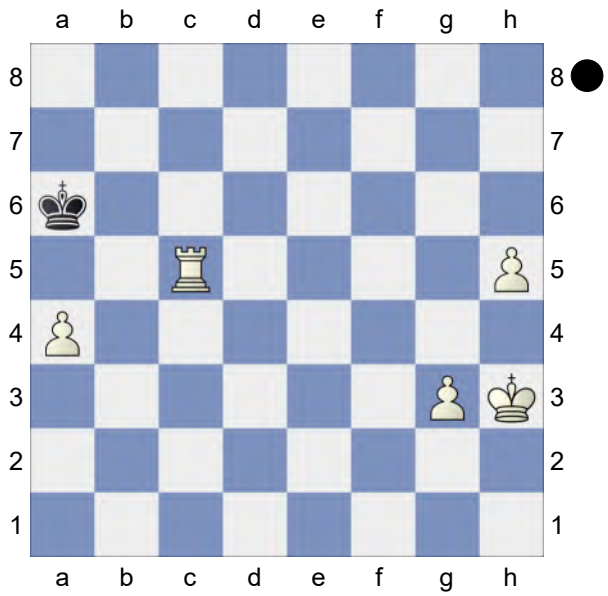

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105 **A40**
□ **Gurevich,D** **2371**
■ **Dyulgerov,Volen** **2200**
Titled Tue 3rd Oct Early blitz (9) 3.10.23
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
3...Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.g3 Bg4N
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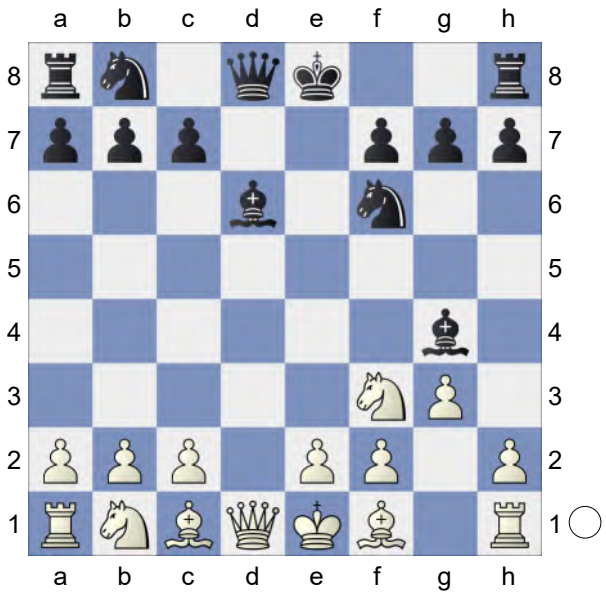
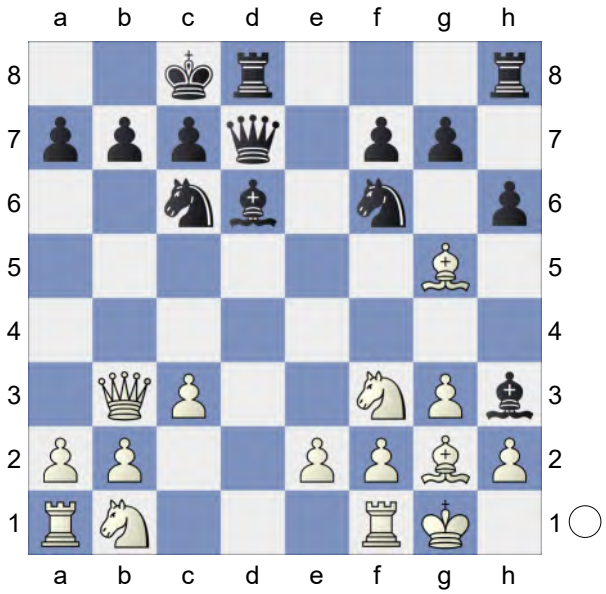
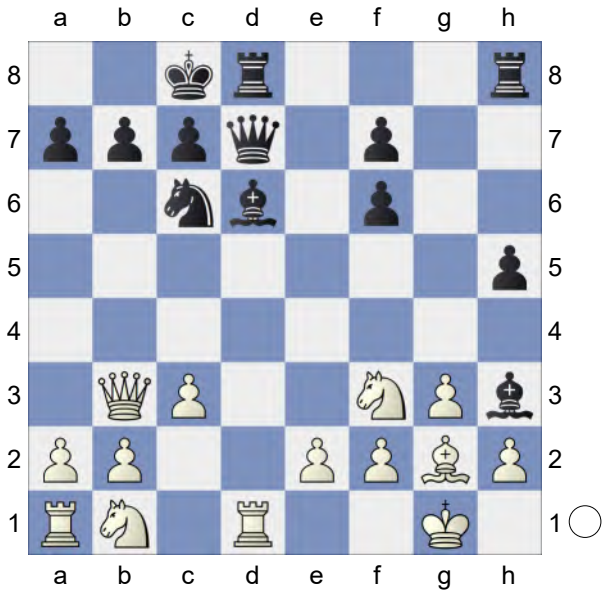


6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 Qd7 8.c3 White is clearly better. **8...Bh3 9.Qb3** 1.02/20
[White should play 9.Bg5 1.45/18]
9...0-0-0± 10.Bg5 h6 1.98/21
[10...Rde8± 0.87/19]

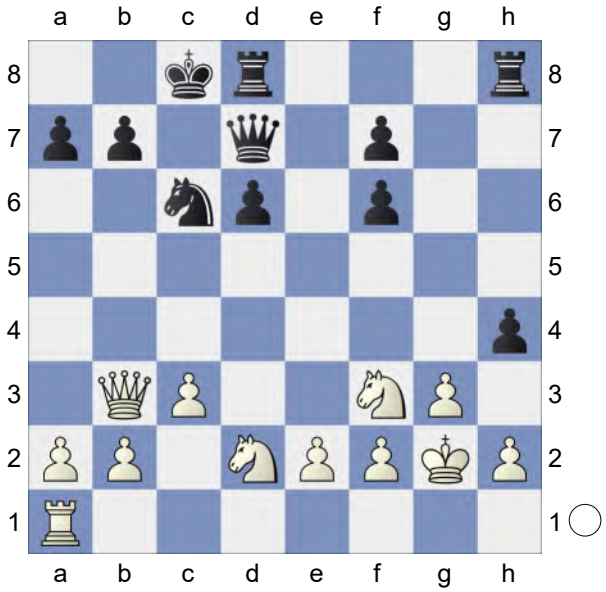


11.Bxf6+- gxf6 12.Rd1 1.12/23
[12.Nbd2+- 2.07/19]

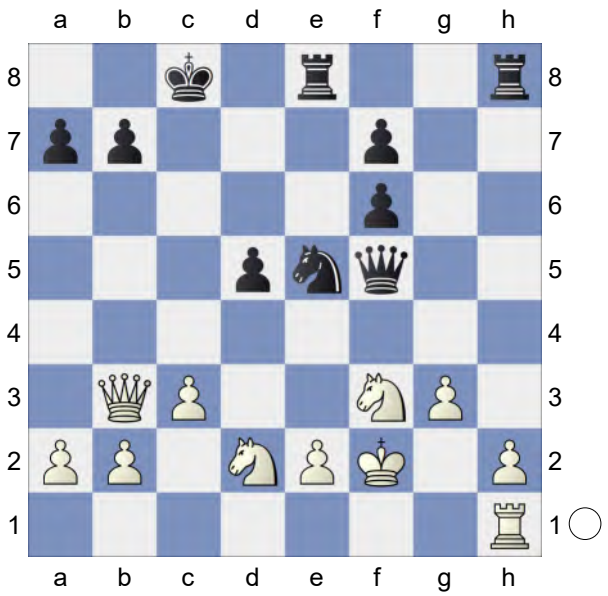
12...h5



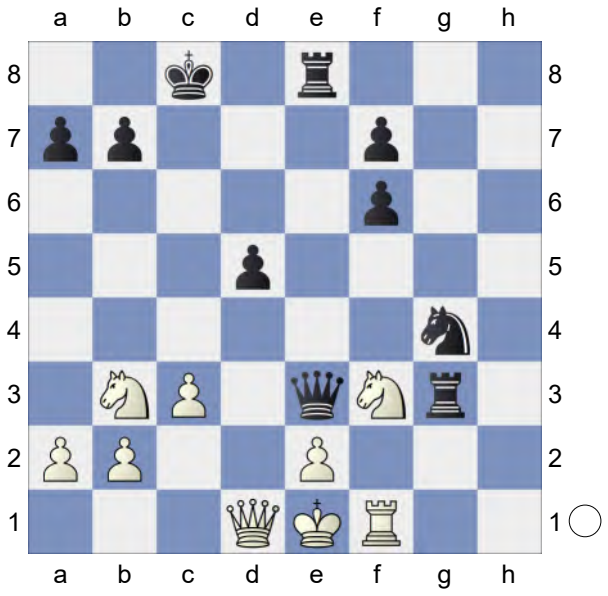
13.Rxd6? -0.96/20 **cxd6∓ 14.Nbd2 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 h4!**



16.Nc4? -2.42/23
[16.Nxh4± 0.54/16 is the one way to stay ahead. Rxh4 17.gxh4 Qg4+ 18.Kh1 *(18.Kf1? Rg8-+)* 18...Qxe2 19.Qc2]
16...hxg3 17.fxg3 Rde8 Prevents Ne3.
18.Kf2 d5 19.Ncd2 Qf5 20.Rh1 -3.12/17
[20.Nf1 -2.01/18]
20...Ne5

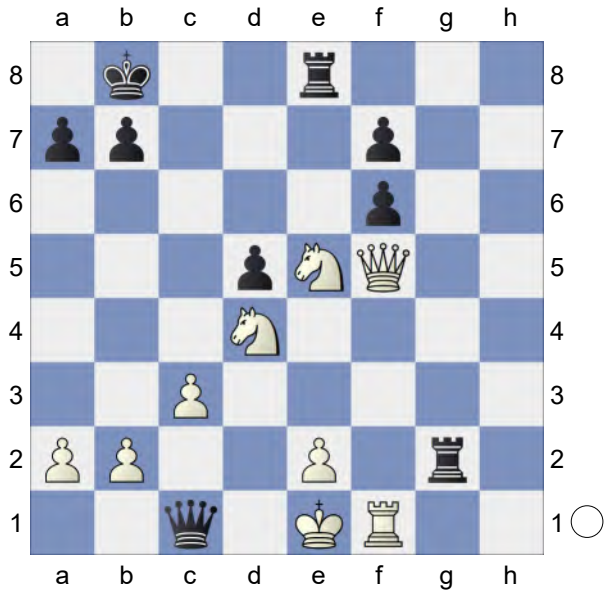


and ...Ng4+ would now be decisive
21.Qd1 Ng4+ 22.Ke1 Qd3 23.h3 -5.36/19
[23.Rg1 -3.76/20 is a better defense.]
23...Qe3-+ **24.Rf1** Dodges Qf2+
24...Rxh3 (-> ...Rh2!) **25.Nb3 Rxg3**



26.Nbd4 Rg2 27.Qc2 Ne5 28.Qf5+ Kb8 29.Nxe5 -#1/17
[29.Kd1-+ -4.68/21 Nc4 30.Re1]
Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.21 (precise)

29...Qc1#



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106 **A40**
□ **Begunov,K** **2325**
■ **Dyulgerov,Volen** **2200**
Titled Tue 5th Dec Early blitz (3) 5.12.23
[Kitty Kat]

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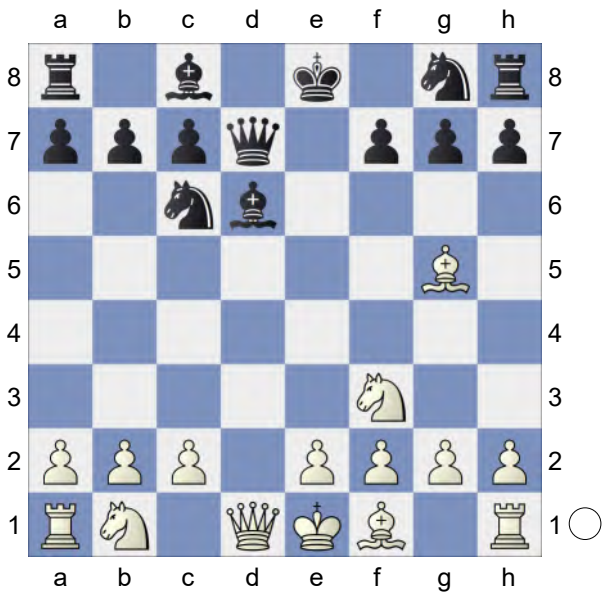
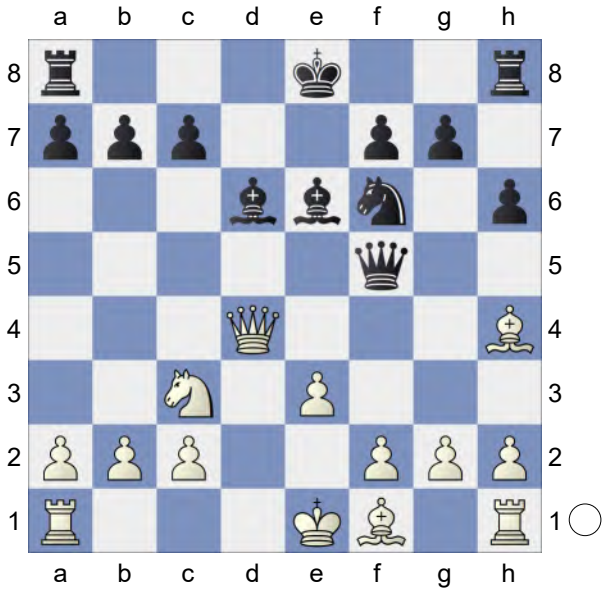
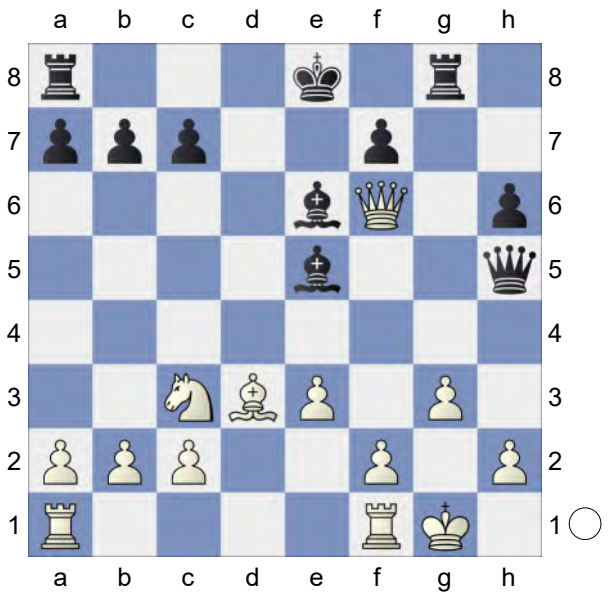


6.Nc3
[6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ng4 20.Bxg4 Bxg4 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
6...Qf5N Repels Nb5
[6...h6 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.Nb5 Nf5 9.Nxd6+ Nxd6 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Qxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Rhe8 15.e3 Ne5 16.f3 f5 17.e4 Re7 18.Re1 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rde8 20.Bd3 Nxd3+ 21.cxd3 1-0 (69) The Magnificent Bob (2994)-Hoon (2842) Rapid 2024]
[6...f6 7.Bh4 Qf7 *(7...b6 8.Bg3 Bb7 9.Bxd6 cxd6 10.e3 Nge7 11.Bc4 0-0-0 12.Qd2 Ne5 13.Be2 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qc6 16.Qe2 Rhe8 17.0-0-0 d5 18.Qa6+ Kb8 19.Nb5 Rd7 20.Nd4 Qc7 21.Kb1 Ng6 22.f4* 1-0 (55) Cieslak,P (2374)-Baradaran Tamadon,A (2304) Abu Dhabi Masters Online blitz 2024 (4)*)* 8.e3 Bg4 9.Qd5 Be6 10.Qe4 0-0-0 11.Bb5 Nge7 12.0-0-0 Bxa2 13.Nxa2 Qxa2 14.Qa4 Qxa4 15.Bxa4 a6 16.c3 h5 17.Bg3 Bxg3 18.Rxd8+ Nxd8 19.hxg3 g6 20.g4 f5 21.gxh5 1-0 (81) Mrsok (2628)-Elkadi74 (2637) Blitz 2024]
7.e3 h6 8.Bh4 White is clearly better.
8...Be6 9.Nd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4
[10.exd4?! g5 11.Bg3 Bxg3 12.hxg3 0-0-0±]
10...Nf6

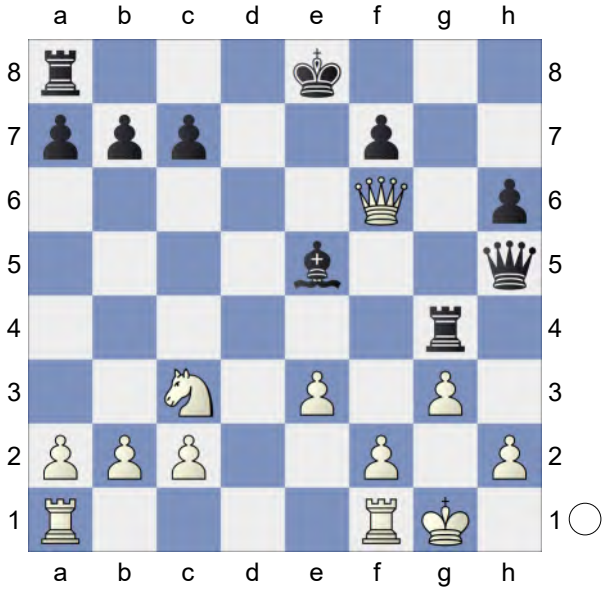


11.Bd3 Qa5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qxf6 Rg8 14.0-0? 0.00/19
[14.Qxh6 Be5 15.Qh7 0-0-0∓ *(15...Rxg2 16.Kf1±; 15...Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Qxc3+ 17.Ke2∓)*]
[White should try 14.g3+- 1.69/18]
14...Qh5? 2.50/21
[14...Bxh2+!= 0.00/19 and Black is okay. 15.Kxh2 Qh5+ 16.Kg1 Rxg2+ Decoy 17.Kxg2 Bh3+ 18.Kh1 Bc8+ 19.Kg1 Qg4+ 20.Kh2 Qh3+ 21.Kg1 Qg4+]
15.g3 Be5

(Diagram)

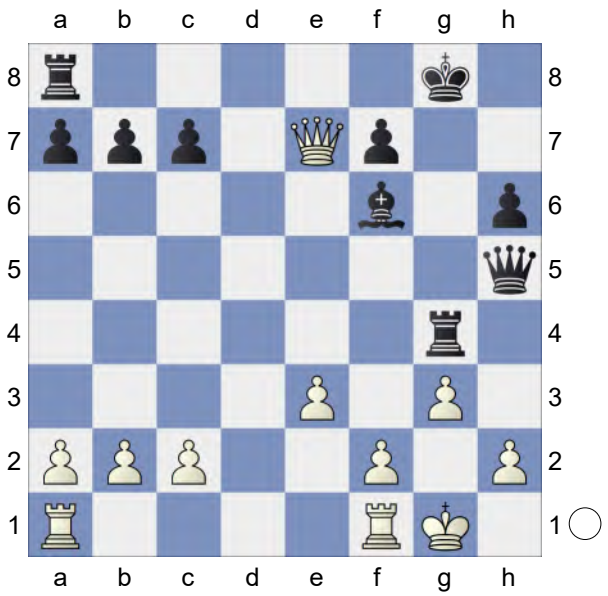


16.Be2 0.90/22
[16.Ne4!+- 1.61/23]
16...Bg4? 3.66/26
[16...Qxh2+± 0.90/22 17.Kxh2 Bxf6]
17.Bxg4+- Rxg4

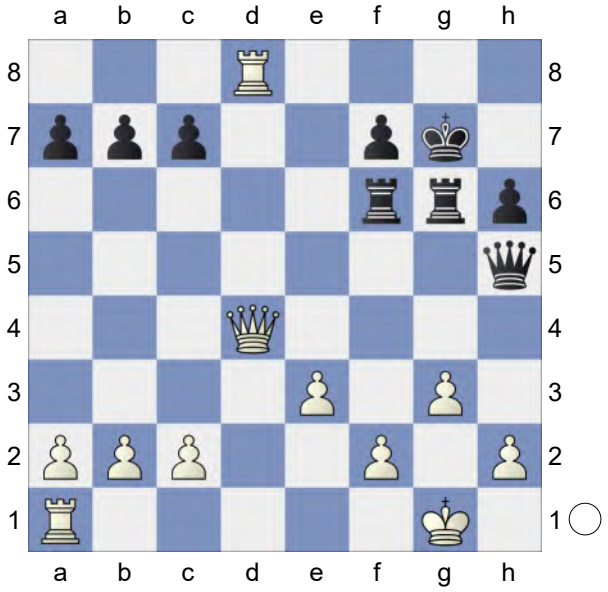


18.Nd5 Kf8 19.Qe7+ Kg8 20.Nf6+
[20.Nxc7 Rc8+-]
20...Bxf6

(Diagram)



21.Qxf6 Rg6 22.Qf4 Re8 23.Rfd1 Ree6 24.Rd8+
[Don't do 24.Qxc7 Kg7 25.Rd8 *(25.Qxb7 Re8+-)* 25...Qf3+-]
24...Kg7 25.Qd4+ Ref6



26.Rf1
[Less strong is 26.Qxa7 Rxf2 27.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 28.Ke1 Qh1+ 29.Kd2 Qxa1+-]
26...c5 27.Qc3 Qf3 28.Qe5 Rg5 29.Qe8 Kg6 30.Qg8+ Kh5

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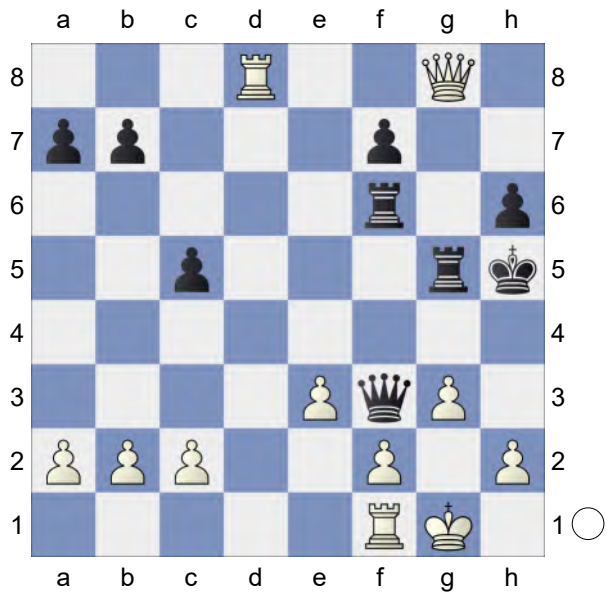
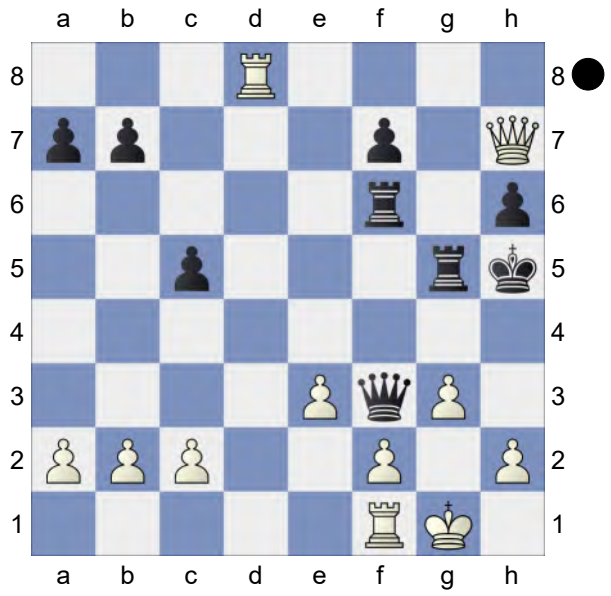
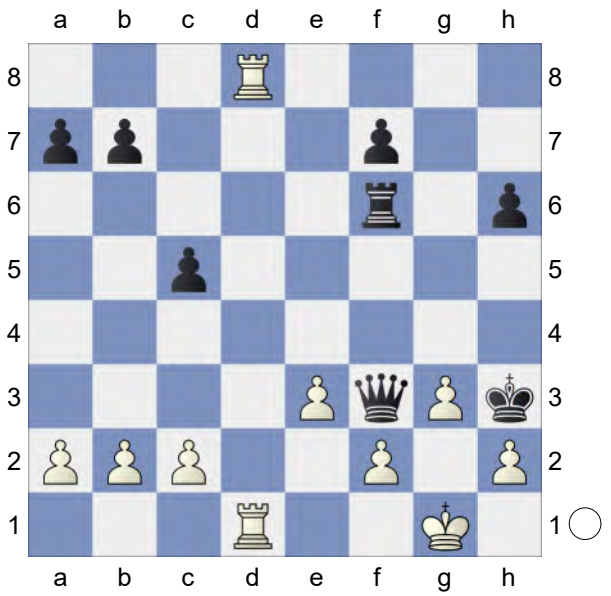


31.Qh7 -6.26/16
[31.Qe8+- 3.28/20]



31...Kg4!-+ (-> ...Kh3) **32.Qd3** aiming for Qc4+. **32...Kh3** **33.Qd7+** Black mates. **33...Rg4** **34.Qxg4+** **Kxg4** **35.Rfd1** **Kh3**

(Diagram)



36.Kf1
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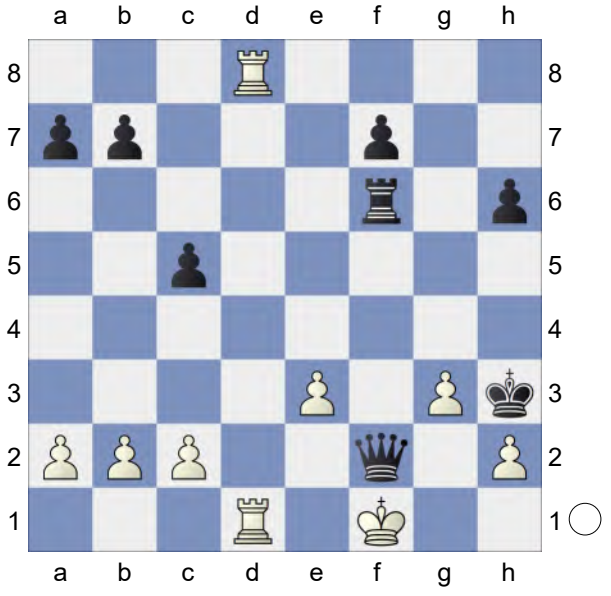
36...Qxf2#



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107 **C21**
□ **Rodriguez,Sa** **2252**
■ **Aghamaliyev,Cemil** **2485**
Titled Tuesday 19. Jan (5) 19.01.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C41: Philidor Defence
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.e4N**

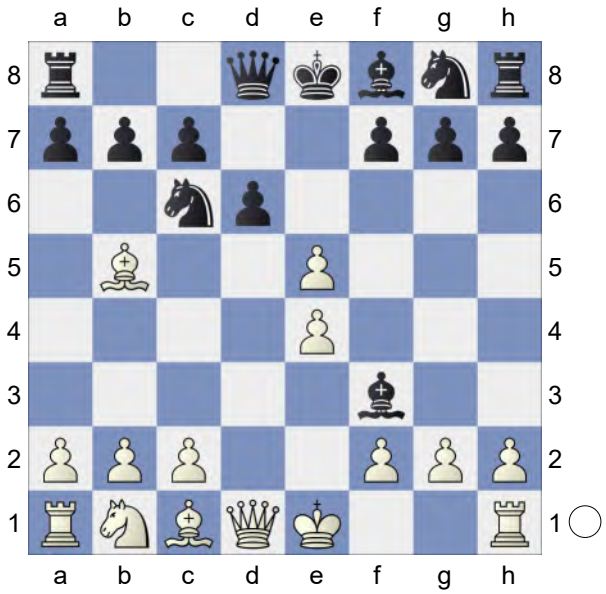
[3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 *(4...Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1* ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986*)* 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]

[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 f6 *(4...Be7 5.Bxe7 Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rd1* 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998*)* 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 Be6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3 g5 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024]

[3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.e4 Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxd6 a4 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]

3...Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bb5 Bxf3 1.51/21

[⌓5...dxe5 0.76/18 6.Qxd8+ Rxd8]



6.Qxf3±

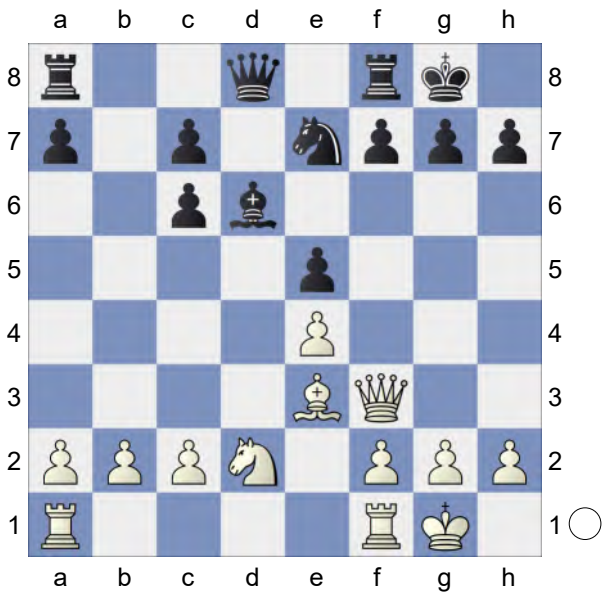
[6.gxf3?! Nge7±]

6...dxe5 7.0-0 Bd6 1.48/18

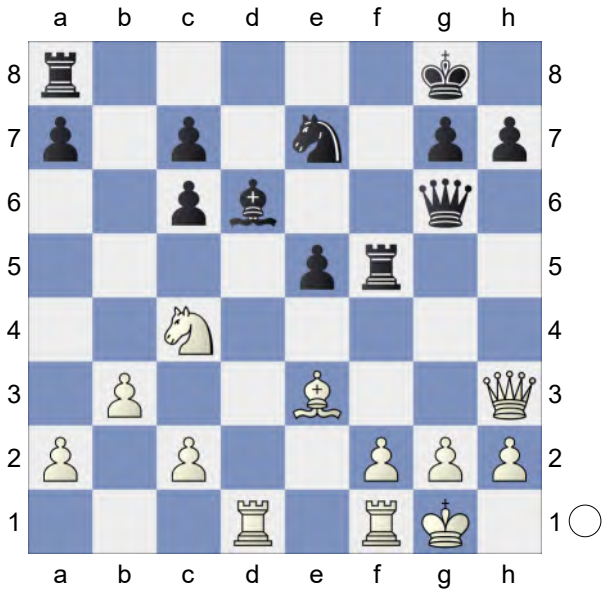
[⌓7...Qf6 1.11/19]

8.Bxc6+ White is clearly better. **8...bxc6 9.Be3 Ne7 10.Nd2 0-0**

(Diagram)



11.Nc4 Qd7 12.Rad1 Qe6 13.b3 f5 14.exf5 Rxf5 15.Qh3 0.20/20
[Better is 15.Qe4± 0.83/20]
15...Qg6 0.57/20
[15...Nd5= 0.20/20 deserves consideration.]



Repels f4 **16.Qg3**

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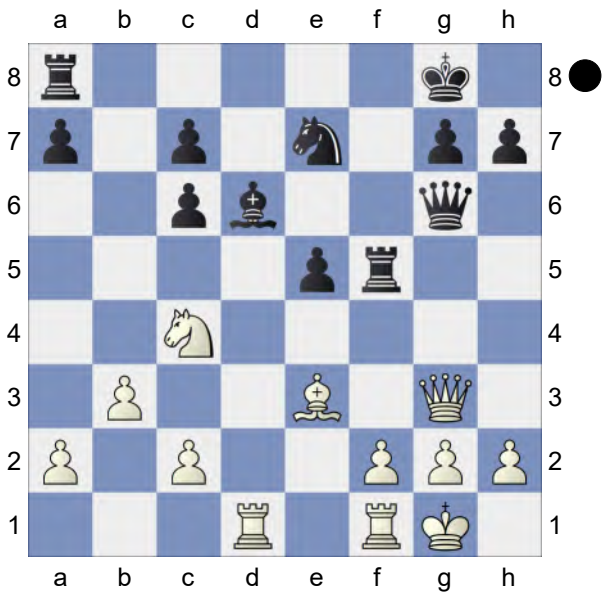
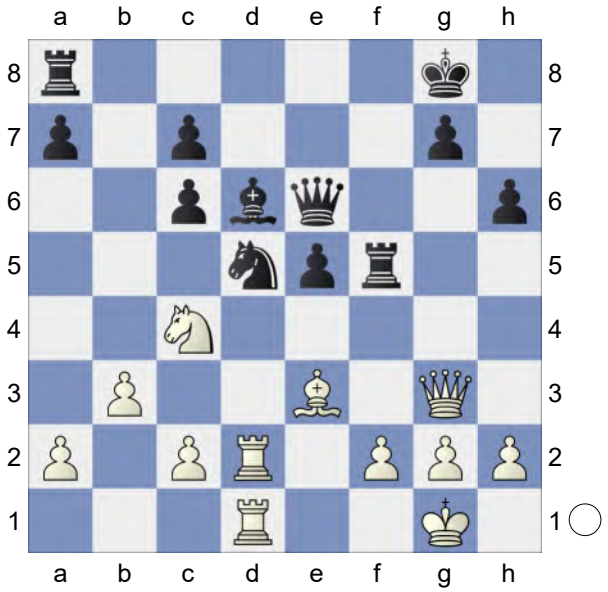
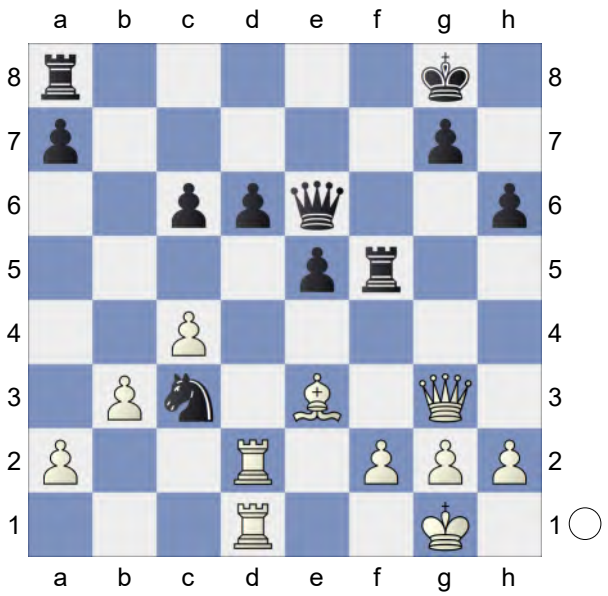


Black must now prevent Qxg6. **16...Qe6 17.Rd2 Nd5 18.Rfd1?** -1.24/18
[18.Re2± 0.37/18 keeps the upper hand.]
18...h6? 1.17/19
[18...Bb4∓ -1.24/18 stays on course. Hoping for ...Raf8!. 19.h3 h6 *(19...Bxd2 20.Bxd2 Ne7 21.Re1∓)*]

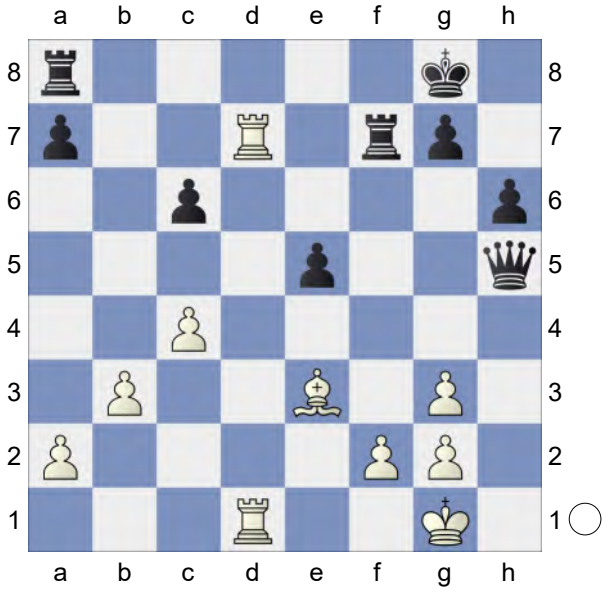


19.Nxd6! cxd6 20.c4 Nc3 2.29/21
[20...Nf4± 1.35/16 was worth a try.]

(Diagram)



21.Rxd6?? -4.57/24
[21.Bxh6!+- 2.29/21 Qxh6 22.Qxc3]
21...Ne2+-+ Black is clearly winning.
22.Kh1 Nxg3+ 23.hxg3 Qf7 24.Rd7 Qh5+ 25.Kg1 Rf7



26.g4
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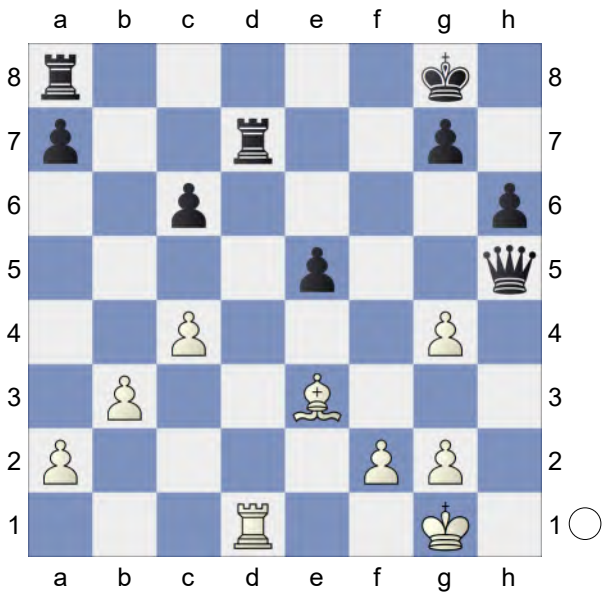
26...Rxd7

(Diagram)



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108 **A40**
□ **Pham Le Thao Nguyen** **2395**
■ **Ruddell,Solomon** **1993**
Titled Tue 2nd Jul Early (2) 02.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44)

Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4.Bg5

[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

4...Qd7 5.Nbd2N

[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 19.Qd5 Qxd5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 34.Bd1 Nb2 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]

5...Nc6 1.77/23

[5...Bxf3± 1.26/20 6.exf3 *(6.Nxf3 dxe5 7.c3 Qxd1+ 8.Rxd1 Nd7±)* 6...dxe5]

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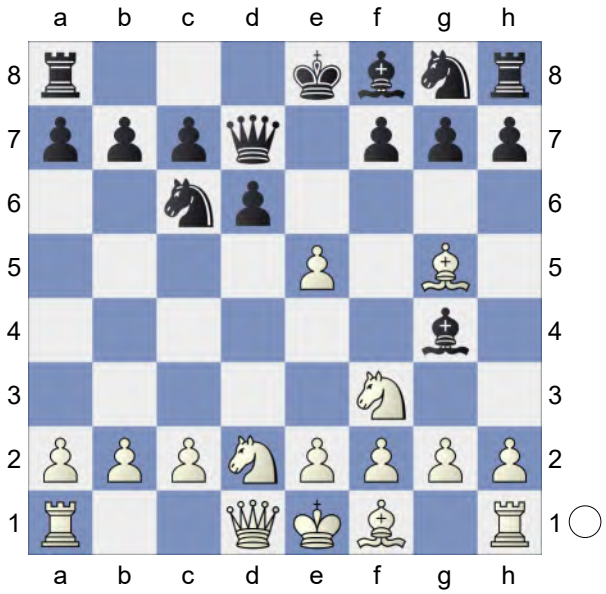
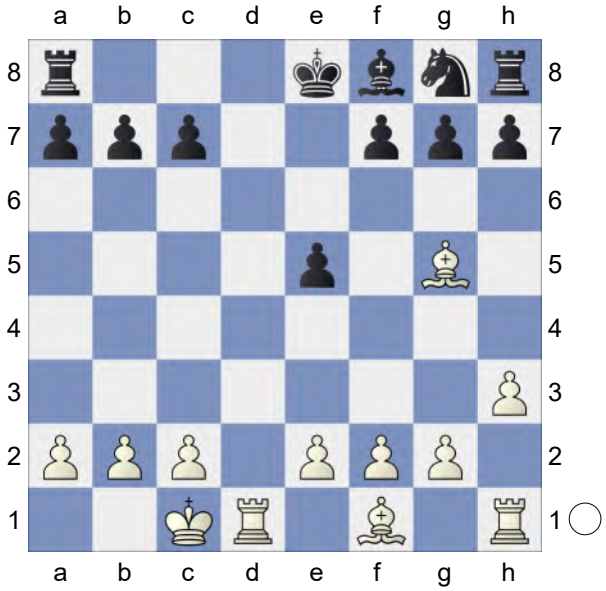


6.h3 0.70/22

[6.exd6+- 1.77/23 h6 7.Be3]

6...Bxf3± 7.Nxf3 Nxe5 8.Nxe5 White is better. **8...dxe5 9.Qxd7+ Kxd7 10.0-0-0+ Ke8** 0.99/22

[10...Bd6± 0.59/22]



11.e4 0.45/21

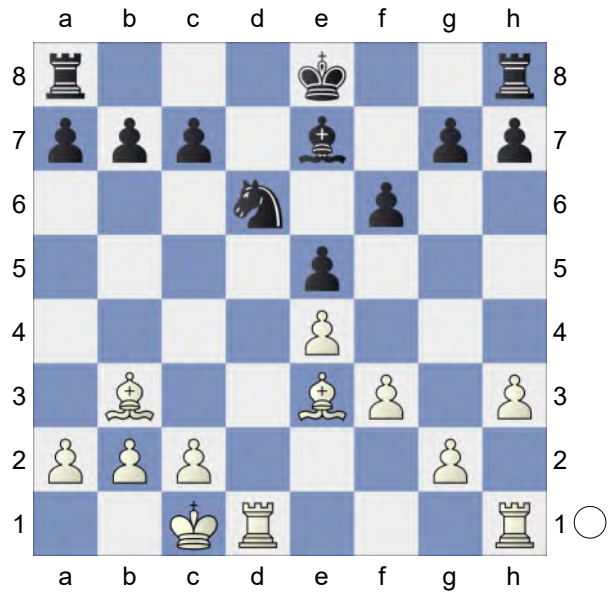
[11.g4± 0.99/22]

11...f6 1.20/22 Black is weak on the light squares

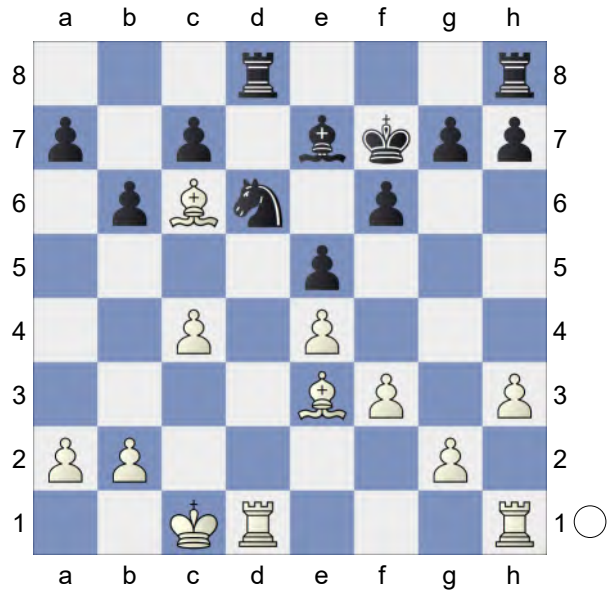
[11...Nf6± 0.45/21]

12.Be3± Ne7 13.Bc4 Nc8 14.f3

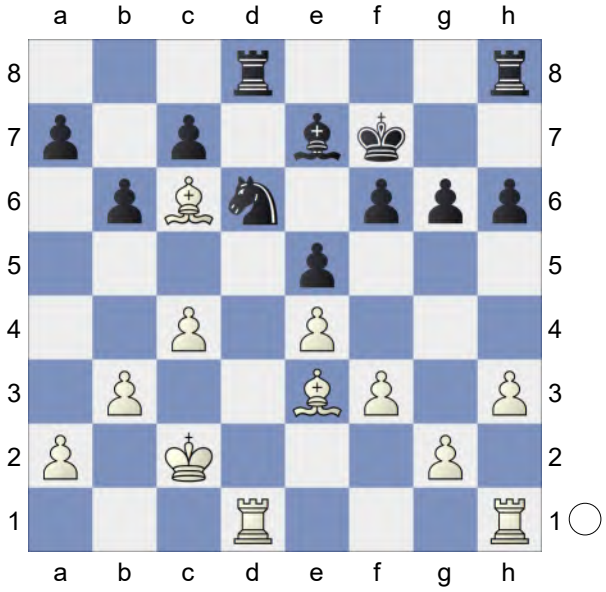
0.98/21
[⌓14.Bd5 1.48/22 c6 15.Be6]
14...Nd6 15.Bb3 Be7 1.45/22
[⌓15...a5 1.06/20]



16.c4 b6 1.85/22
[16...a5± 1.33/21]
17.Ba4+ Kf7 18.Bc6 1.33/19
[18.c5+- 1.74/23 bxc5 19.Bxc5]
18...Rad8

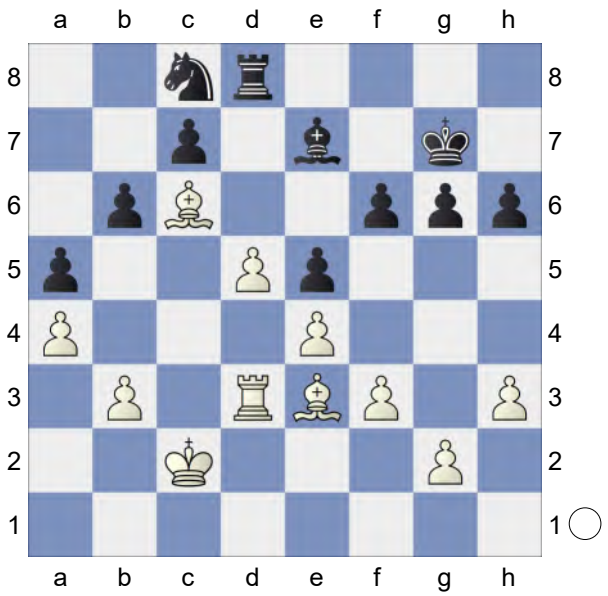


19.b3 0.31/18
[19.c5!± 1.38/20 bxc5 *(19...Nc4 20.Bf2±)* 20.Bxc5]
19...h6 1.16/20
[19...Nc8!± 0.31/18]
20.Kc2 0.42/19
[20.Bd5+± 1.16/20 Kf8 21.h4]
20...g6 1.36/22
[Black should try 20...Nc8!± 0.42/19]

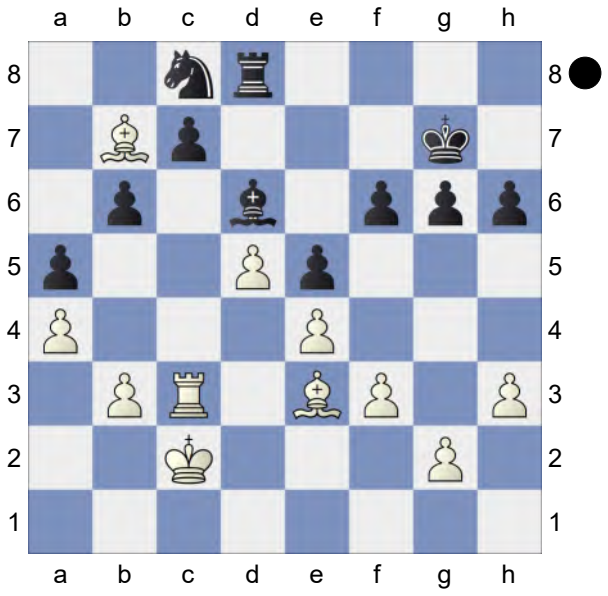


21.a4 0.72/20
[21.Rd5 1.36/22]
21...a5 2.01/25
[21...Nc8± 0.72/20]
22.Rd5+-
[22.c5 bxc5 23.Bd5+ *(23.Bxc5 Nf5±)* 23...Kg7±]
22...Nc8 23.Rhd1 Rxd5 2.03/19
[23...Na7± 1.34/16 24.Bd7 Rb8]
24.cxd5? 0.20/20
[24.Rxd5 Bd6]
[White has to play 24.Bxd5++- 2.03/19 Kg7 25.Be6]
24...Rd8 25.Rd3
[25.Bxh6 g5 26.h4 Nd6 27.hxg5 fxg5-+]
25...Kg7 0.69/19
[25...Bb4= 0.15/17]

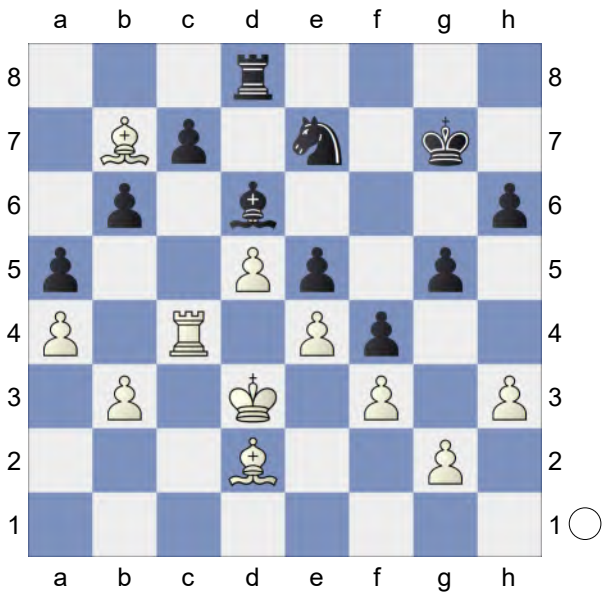
(Diagram)



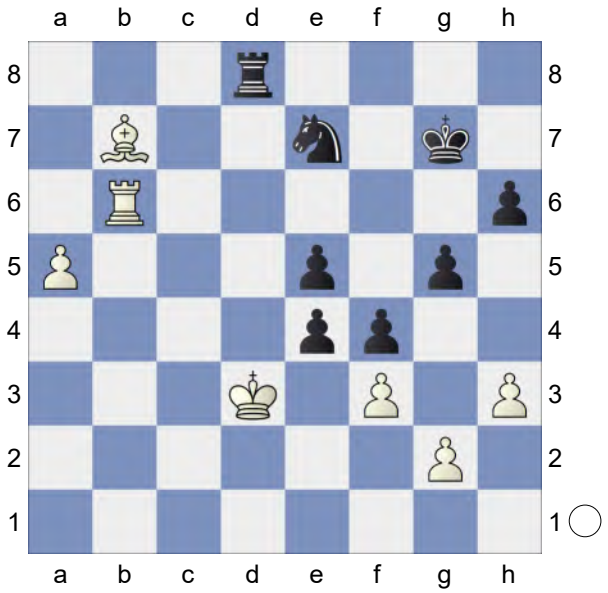
26.Rc3 0.08/21
[26.Bb7± 0.69/19 Bb4 27.Bxc8 Rxc8 28.Rd1]
26...Bd6 0.62/20
[26...Bb4= 0.08/21]
27.Bb7±



Ne7 28.Rc4↑ White has the initiative.
28...f5 29.Kd3 0.28/21
[White should play 29.Bd2± 0.73/22]
29...g5= 30.Bd2 f4 0.73/19
[30...Rb8= 0.18/19 keeps the balance. 31.Ba6 Rd8]



31.b4 axb4 32.Bxb4 Bxb4 33.Rxb4±
Endgame KRB-KRN **33...c6?** 3.90/24
[33...Rb8= 0.17/20 34.Ba6 Ra8]
34.Rxb6+- cxd5 35.a5 aiming for a6.
35...dxe4+ 5.19/22
[35...Nc8 3.49/17 was called for.]



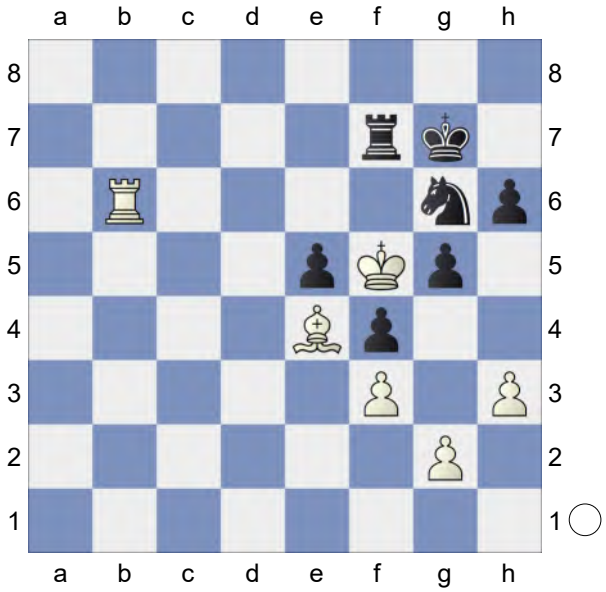
36.Kxe4 Ng6 37.a6 Rd4+ 38.Kf5 Ra4 39.a7? 0.00/19
[39.Rxg6++- 8.45/20 Kf8 40.Kf6 *(40.Rxh6 Ke7+-; 40.Kxe5 Kf7+-)* 40...h5 41.Bc8 *(41.Rxg5 Ke8 42.Bc6+ Kd8 43.Bxa4 Kc7 44.Kxe5*

h4 45.a7 Kb7 46.Rg7+ Kb6 47.Kd6 Ka5 48.Rb7 Kxa4 49.a8Q#) 41...Rxa6+ 42.Bxa6 Ke8 43.Ke6 *(43.Rxg5 Kd7+-)* 43...Kf8 44.Bc4 *(44.Kxe5 Kf7 45.Rd6 Kg7 46.Rd7+ Kf8 47.Bb5 Kg8 48.Kf6 Kh8 49.Bd3 h4 50.Rd8#)* 44...g4 45.Kd6 gxh3 46.Rg8#]

39...Rxa7?? 6.04/30 **40.Be4?** 0.00/38

[40.Rxg6++- 6.04/30 Kh7 41.Bd5]

40...Rf7+=



The position is equal. **41.Kg4** **Nf8** **42.Kh5**

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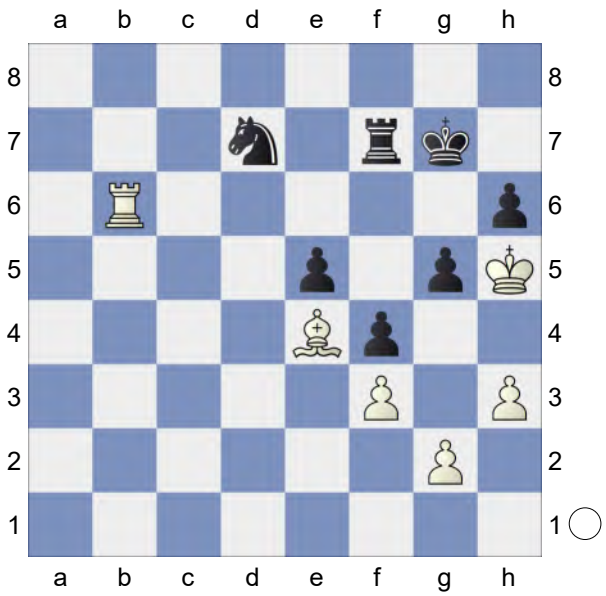
42...Nd7? 4.02/21

[42...Rf6= 0.00/29 and Black stays safe. 43.Rb7+ Rf7]

(Diagram)



Loss on time!?

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109 **A40**

□ **Stanisz,P** **2199**

■ **Ermolaev,An** **2274**

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[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

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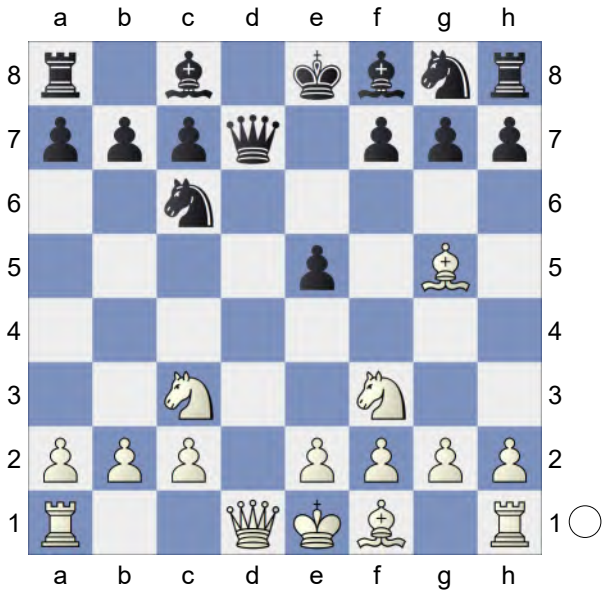
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.Nc3N**

[5.Bf4 Qf5 6.Bg3 dxe5 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.e3 Nf6 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Nxe5 Rd8 12.Qe2 Bxg2 13.Rg1 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Bd5 15.f3 Nh5 16.e4 Nxg3 17.exf5 Nxe2 18.Kxe2 f6 19.Nd3 Kf7 0-1 (26) Ykrup (2625)-Sacthequenn (2439) Blitz 2024]

[5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 *(6.Nc3 h6 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.Nb5 Nf5 9.Nxd6+ Nxd6 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Qxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Nxg3*

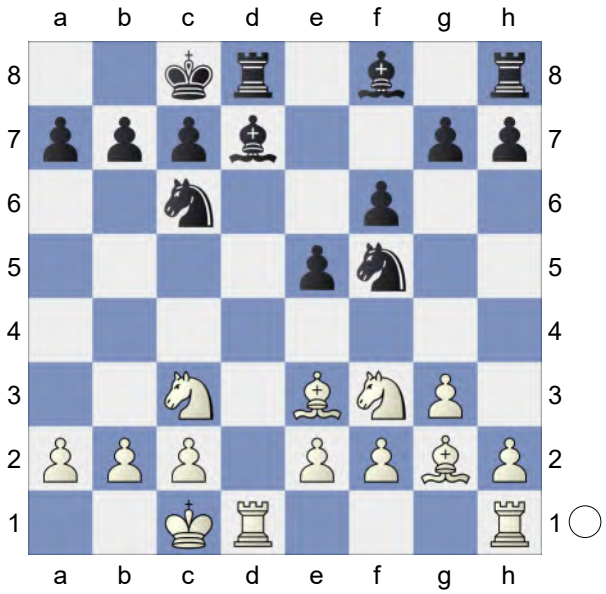
14.hxg3 Rhe8 15.e3 Ne5 16.f3 f5 17.e4 Re7 18.Re1 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rde8 20.Bd3 Nxd3+ 1-0 (69) The Magnificent Bob (2994)-Hoon (2842) Rapid 2024*)* 6...h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ng4 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

5...dxe5

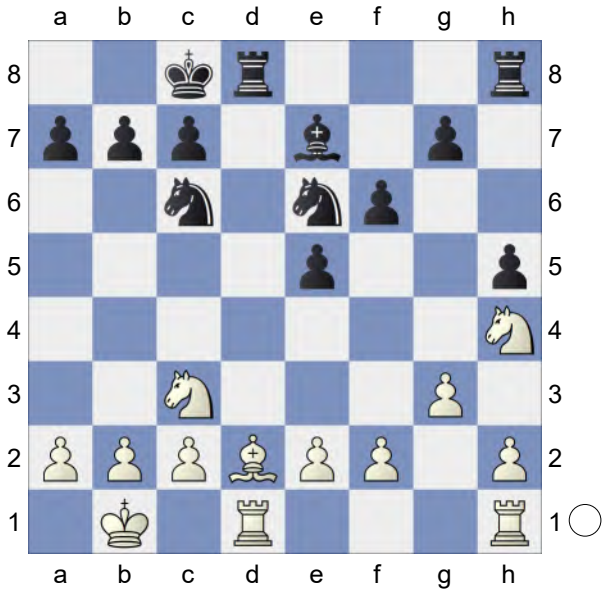


6.Qxd7+ Bxd7 7.0-0-0 f6 8.Be3 The position is equal. **8...0-0-0 9.g3 Nge7 10.Bg2 Nf5**

(Diagram)



11.Bd2 Be6 12.Bh3 Be7 13.Kb1 h5 14.Nh4 Nfd4 15.Bxe6+ Nxe6



16.Nf5 Bf8 17.Be3 g6 18.Nh4 Rg8 19.Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.Rd1+ Bd6

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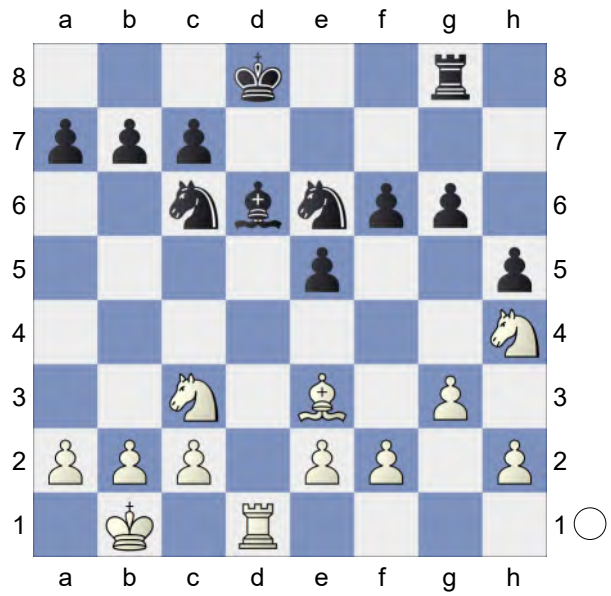
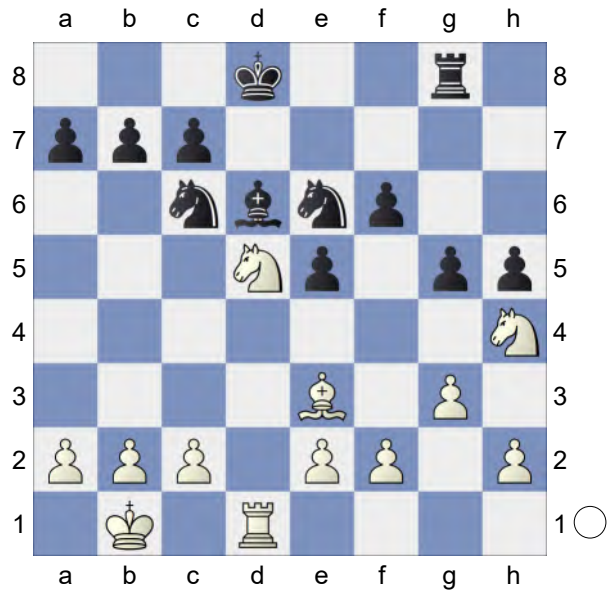
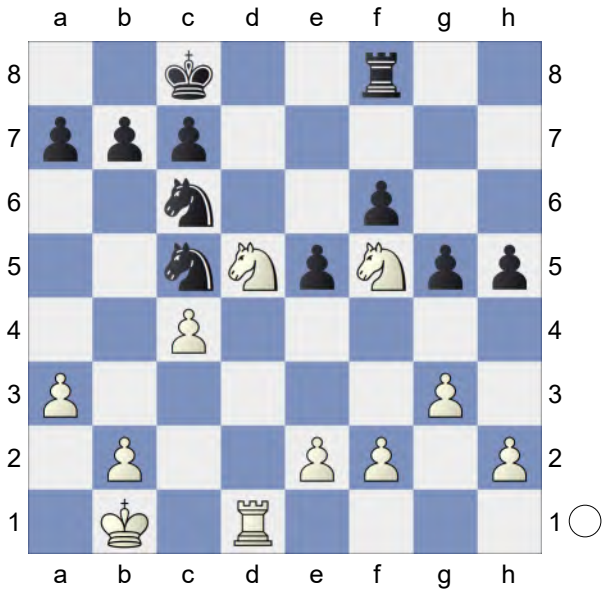


21.Nd5 g5 1.26/22
[21...f5= 0.00/23]

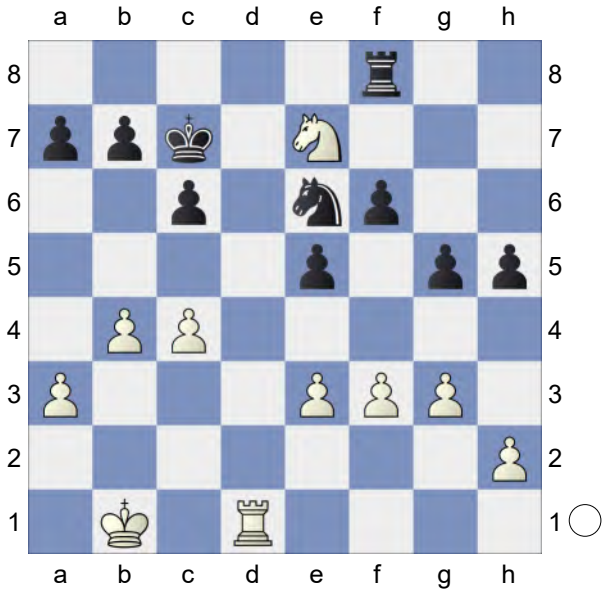


22.Nf5!±
[22.Nxf6?! Rf8 23.Nh7 *(23.Nxh5? gxh4 24.f3 Kc8-+)* 23...gxh4 24.Nxf8 Nxf8±]
22...Rf8 23.c4 0.43/20
[23.Nxc7 Kxc7 24.Nxd6 *(24.Rxd6 Ned4∓)* 24...Ncd4]
[23.Nc3± 1.32/21]
23...Kc8 1.25/18
[23...Ke8!± 0.43/20]

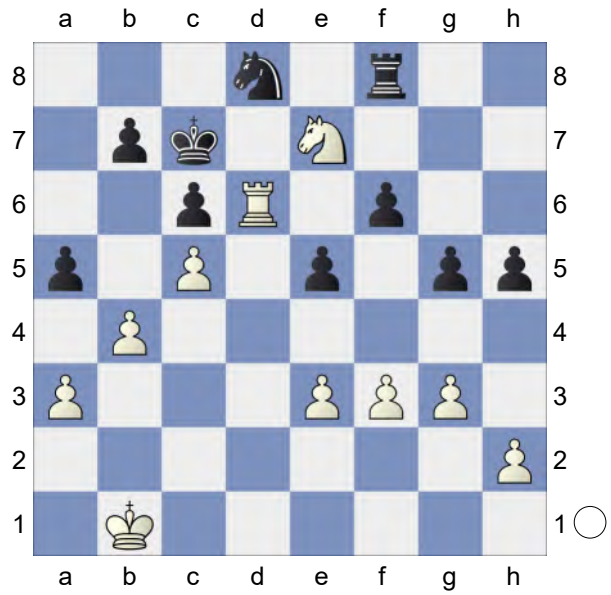
24.a3 0.16/22
[White should play 24.Nxd6+± 1.25/18 cxd6 25.Nc3]
24...Bc5 1.02/21
[24...Ned4= 0.16/22 25.Nxd6+ *(25.Nxd4 Nxd4 26.f3 c6=; 25.Bxd4 Nxd4 26.Nxd6+ cxd6±)* 25...cxd6]
25.Bxc5 Nxc5



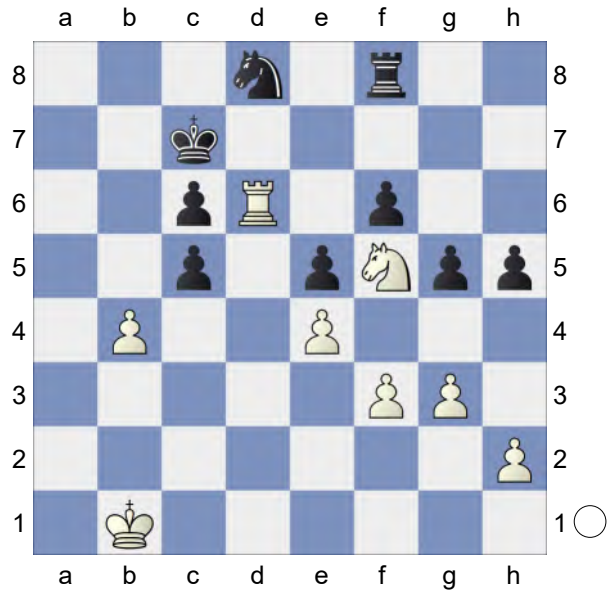
26.Nde7+ Nxe7 27.Nxe7+± Endgame KRN-KRN **27...Kb8 28.f3 c6 29.b4 Ne6 30.e3** 0.12/23 Inhibits Nd4.
[30.Nf5± 0.53/22]
30...Kc7=



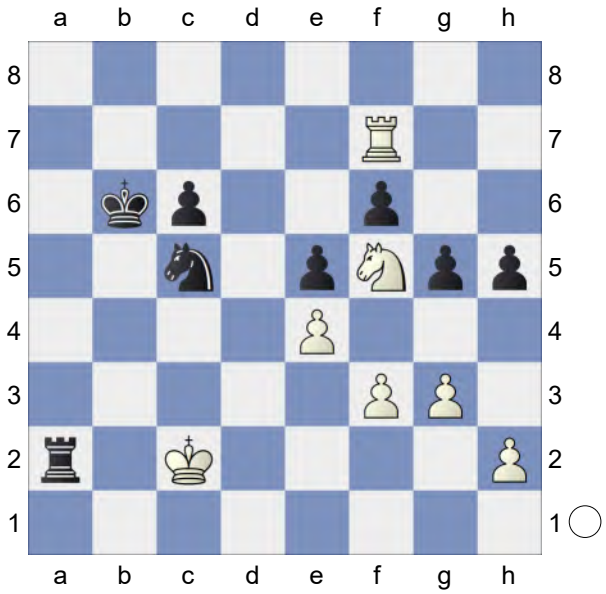
31.c5 a5 0.78/21 **32.Rd6±**
[32.bxa5 Nxc5 33.Ka2 Ra8∓]
32...Nd8 1.35/22
[⌓32...Ng7 0.81/20]



33.Nf5 0.27/23
[33.bxa5 Re8 34.Nf5 Ne6±]
[33.Ng6!± 1.35/22 Rf7 34.bxa5]
33...axb4= 34.axb4 b6 35.e4 -0.04/26
[35.Ng7± 0.35/22 should be considered.]
35...bxc5



36.bxc5 Nb7 37.Re6 -1.15/23
[37.Ng7!= -0.04/20 keeps the balance. Nxc5 *(37...Nxd6 38.Ne6+ Kd7 39.Nxf8+ Ke8 40.Ne6∓)* 38.Rxf6 Decoy Rxf6 39.Ne8+ Kd8 40.Nxf6]
37...Nxc5∓ 38.Re7+ Kb6 39.Kc2 -1.64/20
[39.h4∓ -1.19/20]
39...Ra8-+ aiming for ...Ra3. **40.Rf7?** -2.96/21
[40.Nd6∓ -1.21/18]
40...Ra2+ -1.32/19
[40...Ra3-+ -2.96/21 41.Rxf6 Rxf3]



41.Kc3 -2.29/22
[41.Kd1∓ -1.32/19]
41...Rf2? -0.58/19
[41...g4-+ -2.29/22 42.fxg4 Nxe4+ 43.Kd3 Nf2+ 44.Kc4 Ne4 *(44...Nxg4 45.h3∓; 44...hxg4 45.Rxf6 Rc2+ 46.Kb3∓)*]
42.Rxf6? -4.56/22
[42.Nd6∓ -0.58/19]
42...Rxf3+ Black is clearly winning.
43.Kc4 Nxe4 44.Rf8

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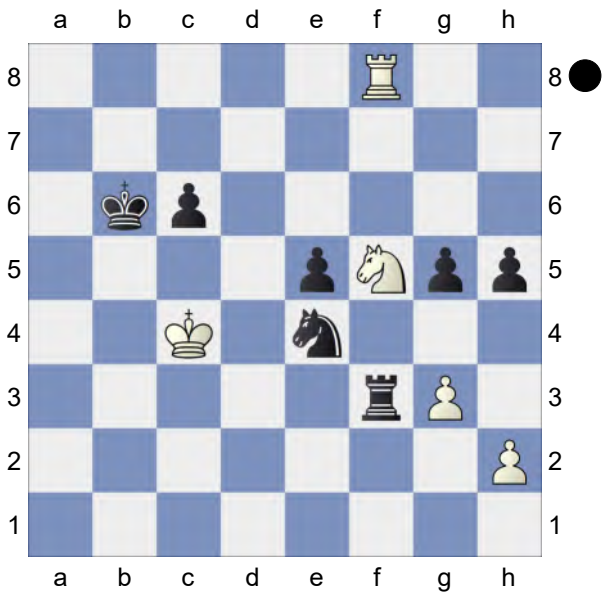

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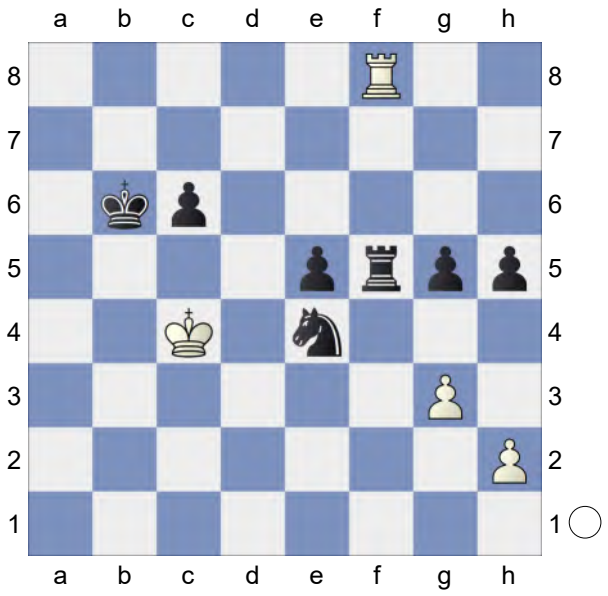
44...Rxf5!



Remove Defender, Decoy

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110 **A40**

□ **Trichkov,V** **2320**

■ **Husarik,B** **2122**

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[Kitty Kat]

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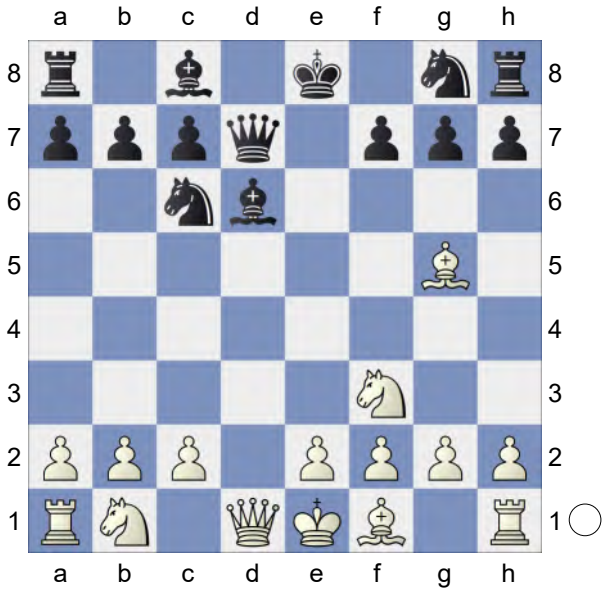
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6



6.Nc3

[6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ng4 20.Bxg4 Bxg4 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

6...f6 7.Bd2N

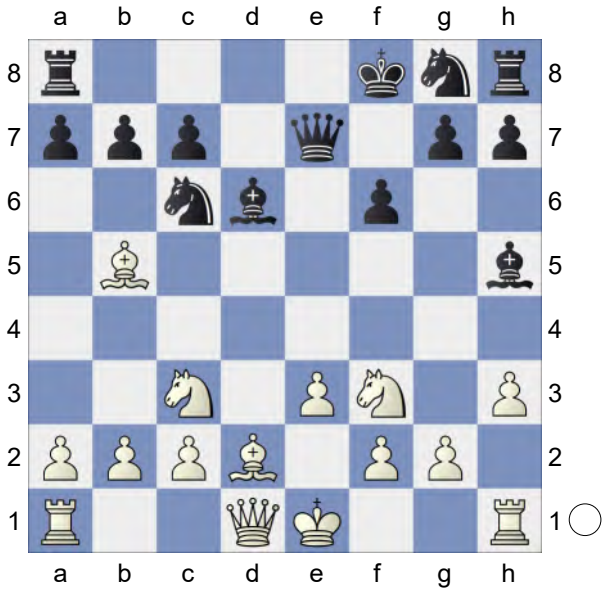
[7.Bh4 Qf7 *(7...b6 8.Bg3 Bb7 9.Bxd6 cxd6 10.e3 Nge7 11.Bc4 0-0-0 12.Qd2 Ne5 13.Be2 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qc6 16.Qe2 Rhe8 17.0-0-0 d5 18.Qa6+ Kb8 19.Nb5 Rd7 20.Nd4 Qc7 21.Kb1 Ng6 22.f4* 1-0 (55) Cieslak,P (2374)-Baradaran Tamadon,A (2304) Abu

Dhabi Masters Online blitz 2024 (4)) 8.e3 Bg4 9.Qd5 Be6 10.Qe4 0-0-0 11.Bb5 Nge7 12.0-0-0 Bxa2 13.Nxa2 Qxa2 14.Qa4 Qxa4 15.Bxa4 a6 16.c3 h5 17.Bg3 Bxg3 18.Rxd8+ Nxd8 19.hxg3 g6 20.g4 f5 21.gxh5 Rxh5 1-0 (81) Mrsok (2628)-Elkadi74 (2637) Blitz 2024]

7...Qe7 8.e3 White is clearly better.

8...Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Bb5 Kf8 2.70/19

[10...Qd7 1.72/18 11.Ne4 Nge7]



11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 h5 14.Qf3

[14.Nxc6 Qd7 15.Qf3 Re8±]

14...Re8 15.Nxc6? 1.01/19

[15.0-0-0+- 2.84/18 is more deadly.]

15...Qd7±

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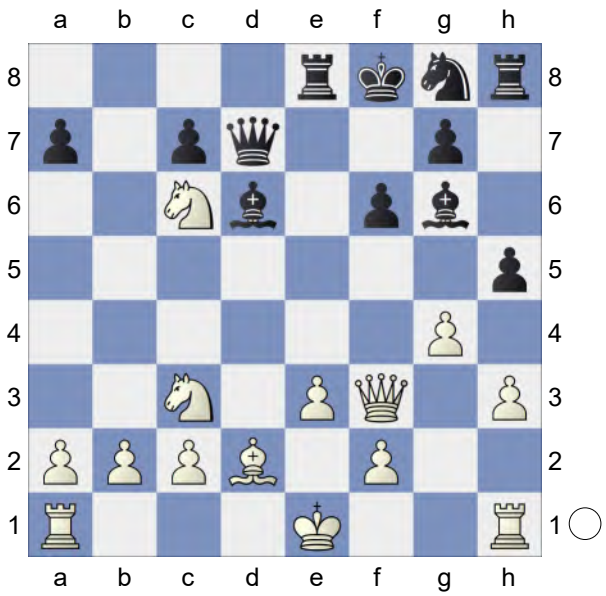
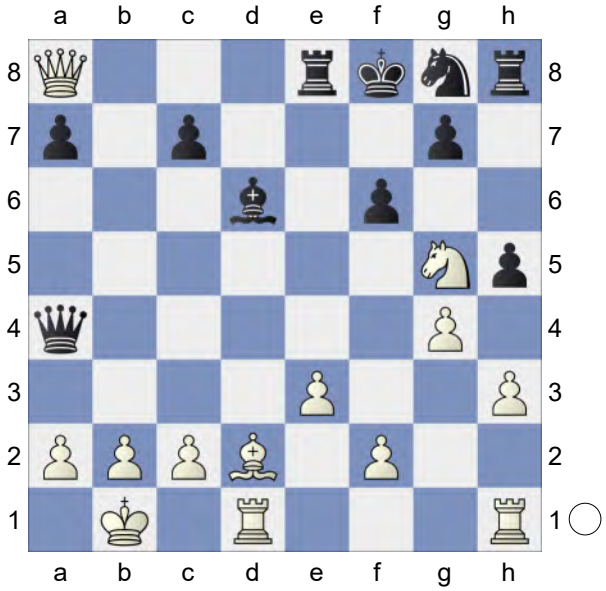


16.0-0-0 Be4 17.Nxe4 Qxc6 18.Ng5 Qa4 2.96/18

[Black should try 18...Qb5± 0.57/20]

19.Kb1 Re5 ...hxg4 is the strong threat.

20.Qa8+ Re8



21.Ne6+ Ke7 22.Qd5 c6 23.Nc5 1.46/20

[23.Qd4+- 3.32/17 Qxd4 24.Nxd4]

23...Qxc2+ 24.Kxc2 cxd5 25.Nd3 1.15/19

[⌓25.Nb7 1.51/20]

25...Ke6

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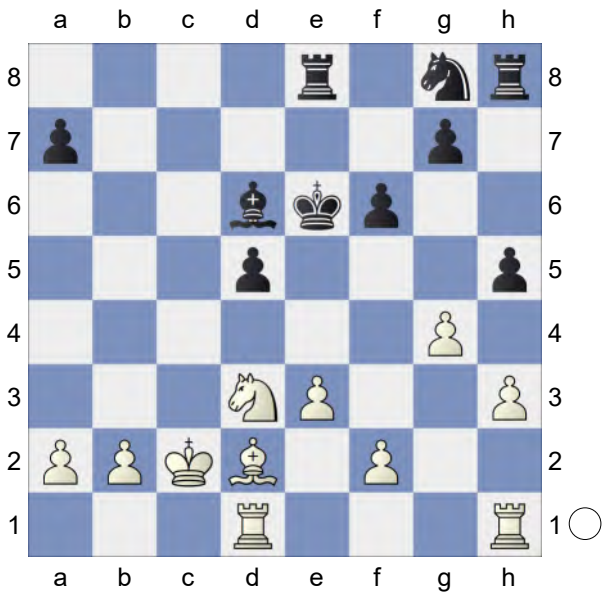
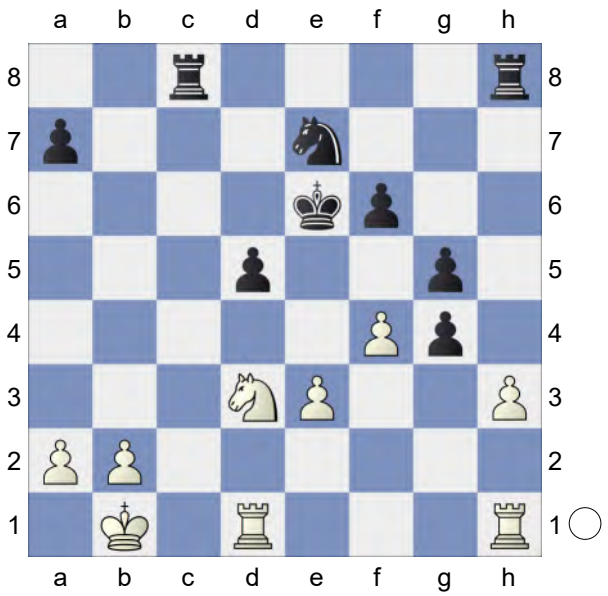
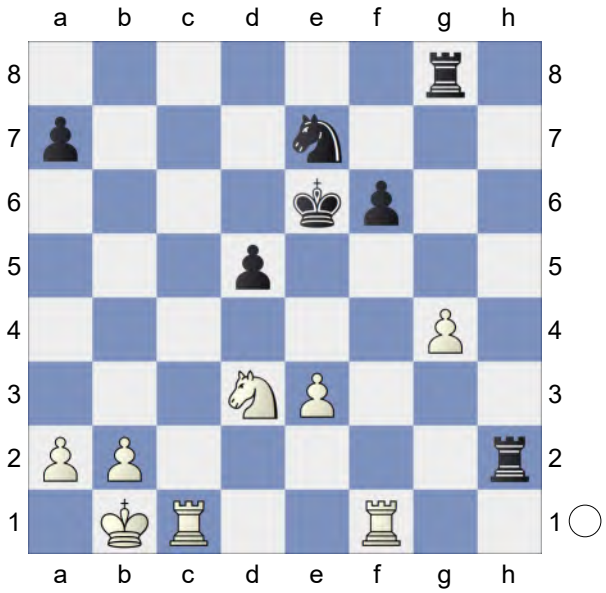


26.Bb4 0.58/22
[26.Nf4+± 1.39/18 Bxf4 27.exf4]
26...Rc8+ 1.00/19
[26...hxg4± 0.58/22 27.Bxd6 *(27.hxg4 Rxh1 28.Rxh1 Bxb4±)* 27...Kxd6]
27.Kb1 0.39/21
[27.Bc3± 1.00/19]
27...Bxb4± 28.Nxb4 Ne7 29.Nd3 0.53/22
[White should play 29.b3± 0.90/21]
29...g5 30.f4 hxg4



31.hxg4 gxf4 1.06/21
[31...Rh4± 0.68/20]
32.Nxf4+± Ke5 33.Rhf1 White is more active. **33...Rh2 34.Nd3+ Ke6 35.Rc1** 0.33/20
[35.Nf4+± 0.88/20 Kf7 36.g5 *(36.Nxd5 Rcc2±)*]
35...Rg8? 2.08/20
[35...Rxc1+± 0.33/20 36.Rxc1 a5]



36.Nc5+ 1.15/20
[36.Rc7+- 2.08/20]
36...Kf7 37.Nd7 f5 38.gxf5 0.22/18
[38.Ne5+± 1.28/19 Kf6 39.Nf3]
38...Rgg2= 39.Ne5+ Kf6! 40.Nd3 Rd2

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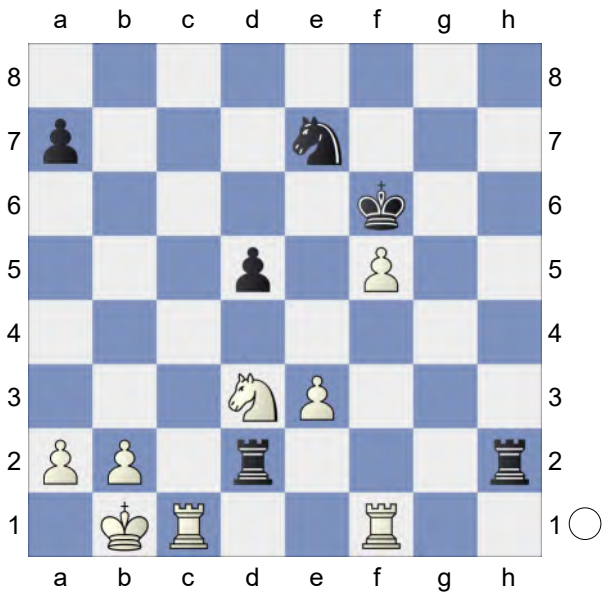
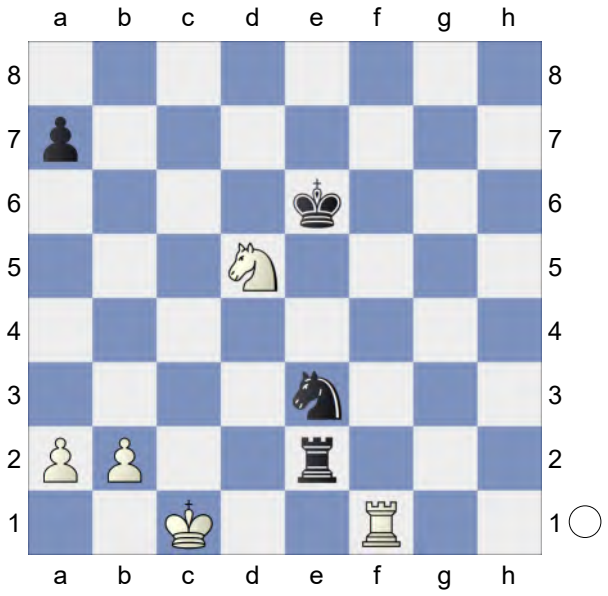


41.Rcd1 Nxf5 1.08/24
[41...Rxd1+= 0.10/18 remains equal. 42.Rxd1 Nxf5]
42.Rxd2± Rxd2= Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **43.Nb4 Ke6 44.Kc1 Re2 45.Nxd5** Decoy **45...Nxe3?** 2.38/22
[45...Ke5± 0.79/18 keeps fighting. 46.Rd1 Rh2]



46.Nxe3+- Rxe3±

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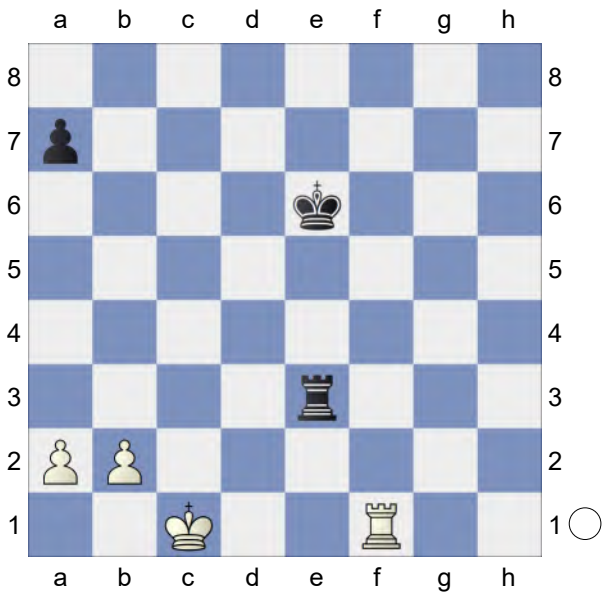
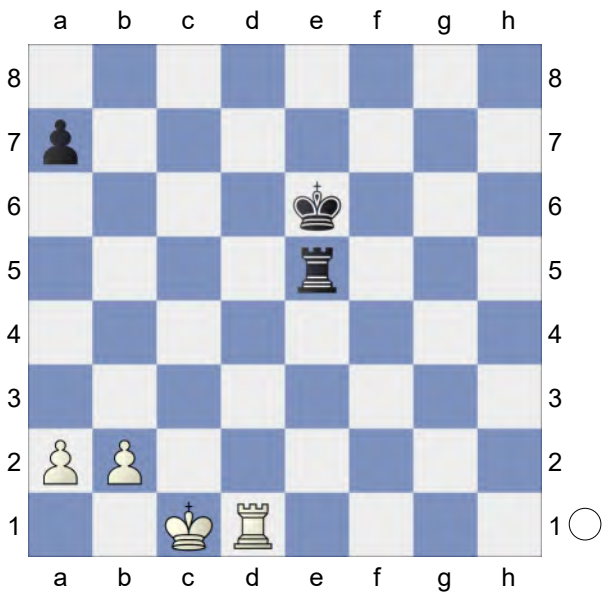


KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **47.Rd1 Re5?** 3.92/29
[47...Ke7 2.25/23 48.Rd5 Re6]



48.Kc2!+- Re3 49.Rd8 Rh3 50.b4? 0.00/31
[50.Rd4+- 3.40/23 and Rd3 would now be decisive Rh5 51.Re4+ Kd5 52.Re3]
50...Rg3

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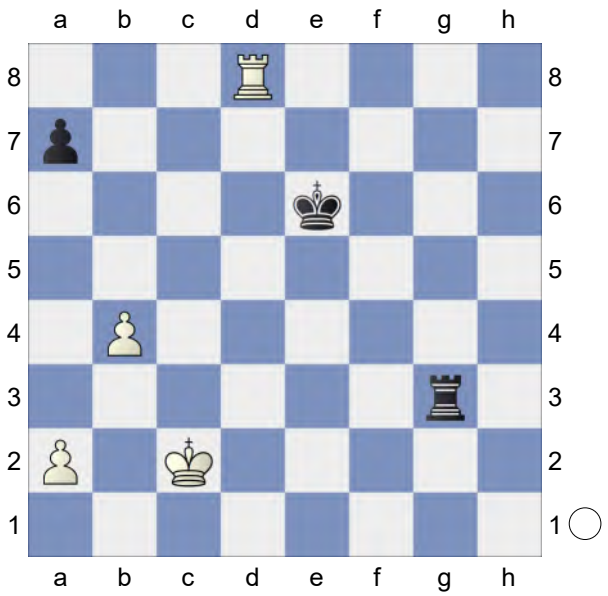
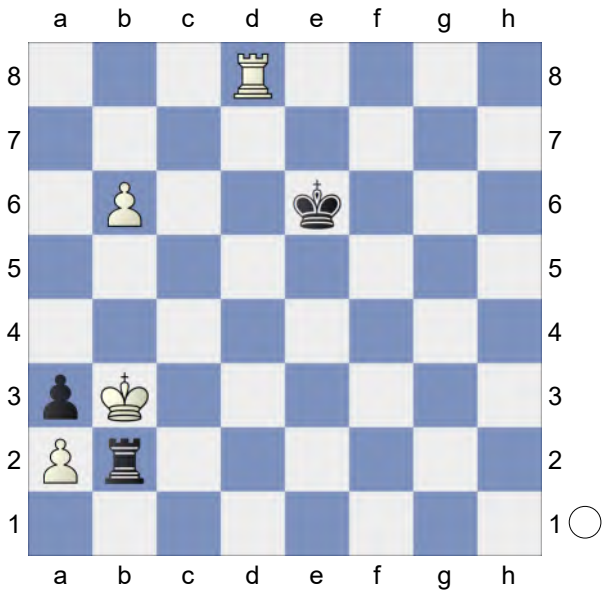
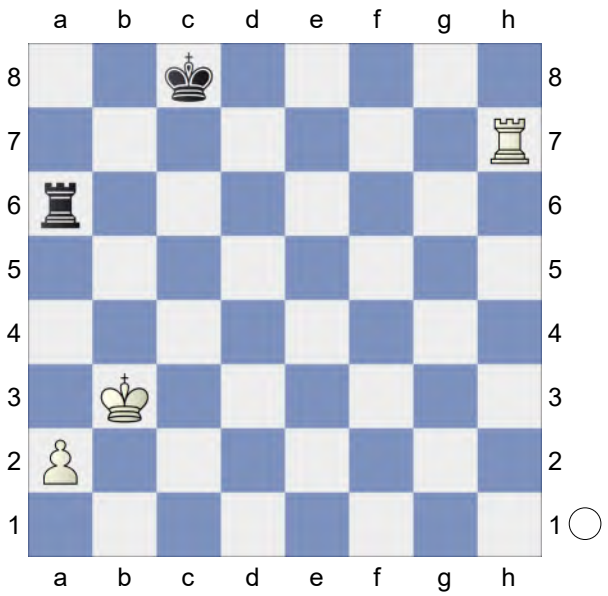


The position is equal. **51.Kb2 a5 52.b5 a4 53.b6 a3+ 54.Kc2 Rg2+ 55.Kb3 Rb2+**



56.Kxa3 Rxb6 57.Ka4 Rd6 58.Rh8 Ra6+ 59.Kb3 Kd7 60.Rh7+
White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.33
60...Kc8

(Diagram)



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111 **A40**
□ **Han,Yichen** **2413**
■ **Martine,J C** **2008**
Titled Tue 20th Jun Late blitz (1) 20.6.23
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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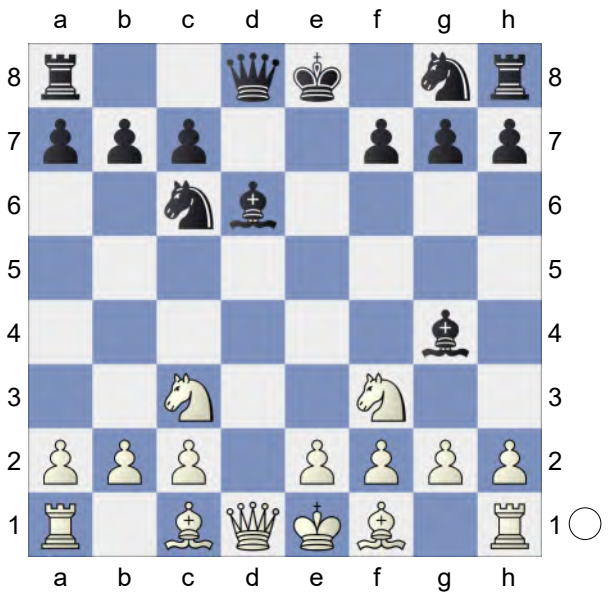
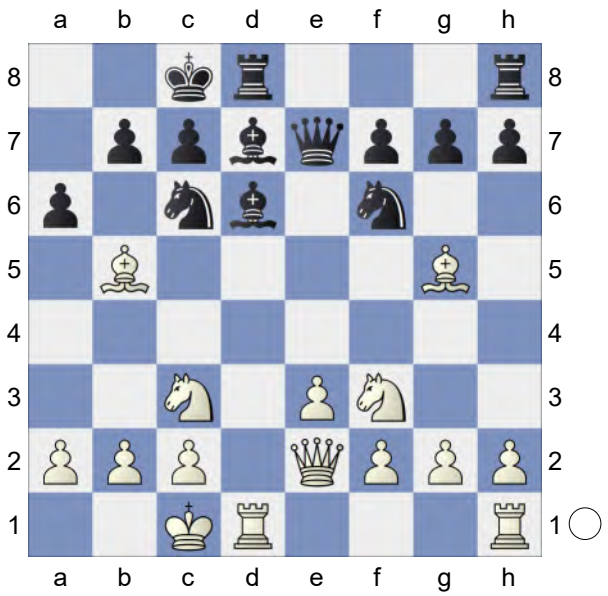
From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne, Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.exd6 Bxd6 5.Nc3 Nc6**

(Diagram)

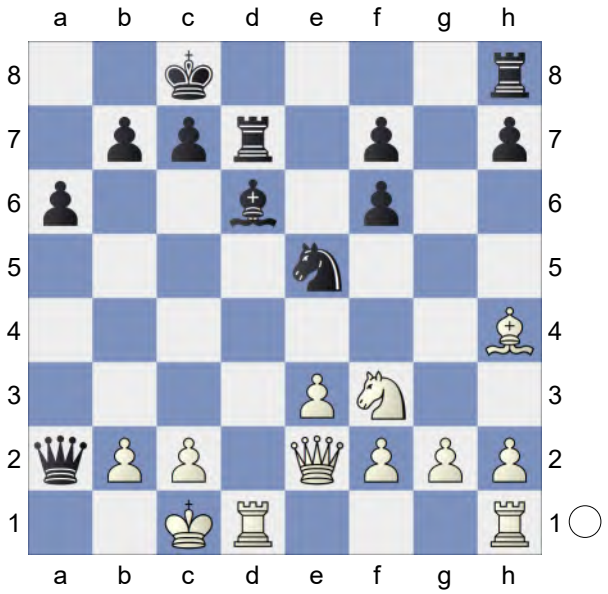


6.Bg5 Nf6N
[6...f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6 21.Ke3 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]
7.e3 Qe7 2.22/20
[7...h6± 1.21/20]
8.Bb5 White is clearly better. **8...Bd7** 2.21/19
[8...Be5 1.63/18 was necessary.]
9.Qe2 1.16/18
[9.Qd3+- 2.21/19]
9...0-0-0 2.20/18
[9...Bb4± 1.16/18]
10.0-0-0+- a6

(Diagram)



11.Ba4 Ne5 3.10/19
[⌓11...h6 1.89/18]
12.Nd5 Qe6 13.Bxd7+ 1.59/17
[13.Bb3+- 2.98/19 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 *(14.Bxd8 Rxd8 15.Bxd5 Qf6+-)*]
13...Rxd7 14.Nxf6 -0.15/17
[14.Bxf6+- 1.87/19 gxf6 15.e4]
14...gxf6= 15.Bh4? -2.99/19
[15.Nxe5= -0.15/18 Bxe5 16.Rxd7 Kxd7 17.Rd1+ Kc8 18.Bh4]
15...Qxa2-+



(-> ...Qa1+) **16.Nd2 Be7** -0.67/19
[16...Ba3-+ -2.05/18 17.bxa3 Qxa3+

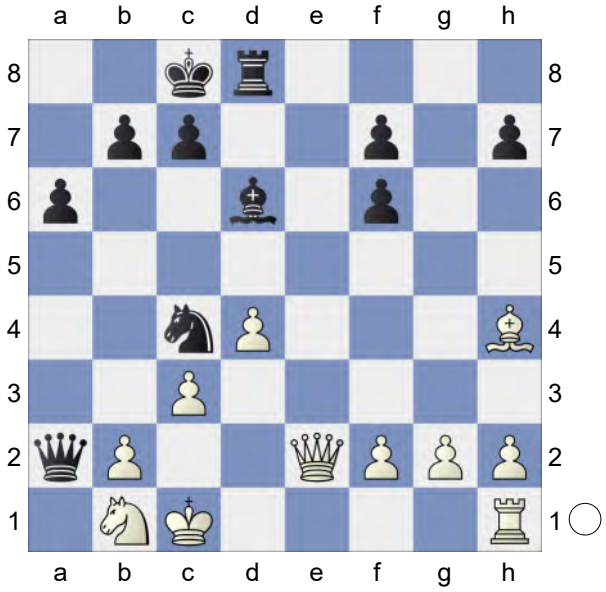
18.Kb1 Qb4+ 19.Nb3 Qxh4 20.Rxd7 Nxd7]

17.Nb1? -4.03/23

[17.Nb3∓ -0.67/19]

17...Nc4 18.c3 Rhd8 (-> ...Rxd1+)

19.Rd4 Rxd4 20.exd4 Bd6→



Black wants a kill. **21.Bg3** Prevents Bf4+ **21...Bf8?** -0.39/22

[21...Ba3!-+ -2.38/18 22.Nxa3 Nxa3 Pin 23.Qg4+ Kb8 24.bxa3 *(24.Bxc7+? Kxc7 25.Qf4+ Rd6-+)* 24...Qa1+ Skewer, Double Attack 25.Kd2 Qxh1]

22.Bf4 -0.82/20

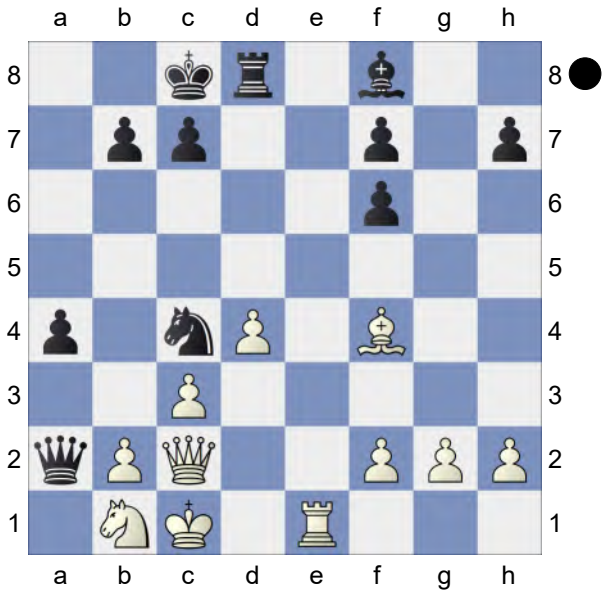
[22.Re1∓ -0.39/22]

22...a5 -0.40/26 Black is more active.

[Black should play 22...Ba3∓ -0.82/20 23.Nxa3 Nxa3 Pin]

23.Re1 a4 24.Qc2

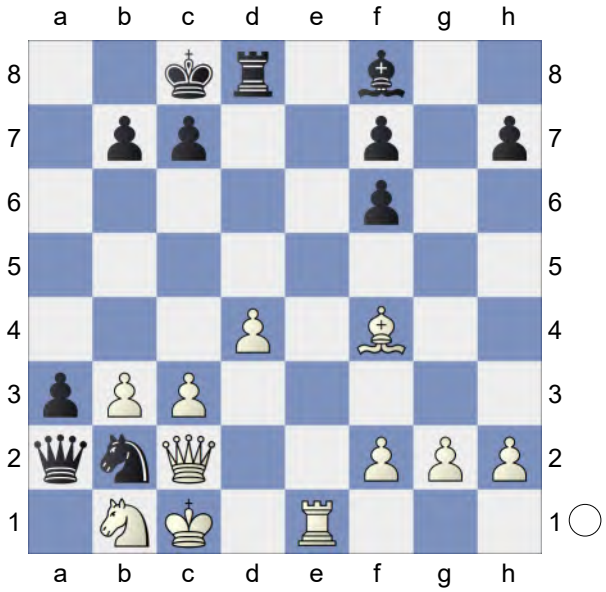
(Diagram)



a3 0.25/18

[24...Kb8!∓ -0.73/19]

25.b3= Nb2



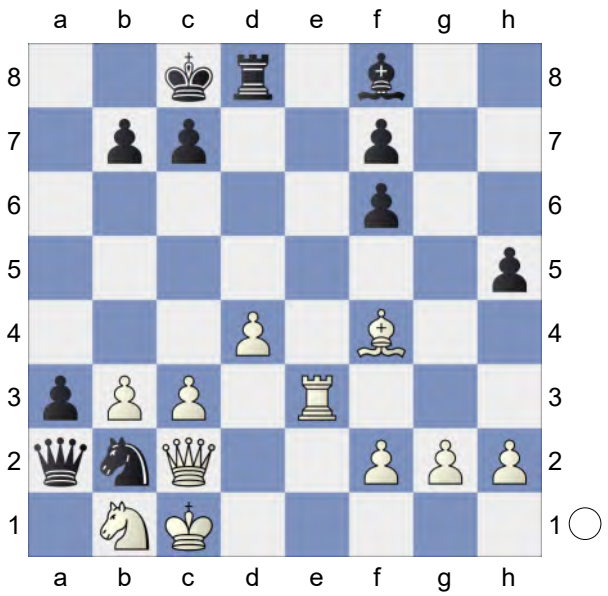
26.Re3 -0.21/17 Inhibits Nd3+.

[Better is 26.Kd2!± 0.37/22]

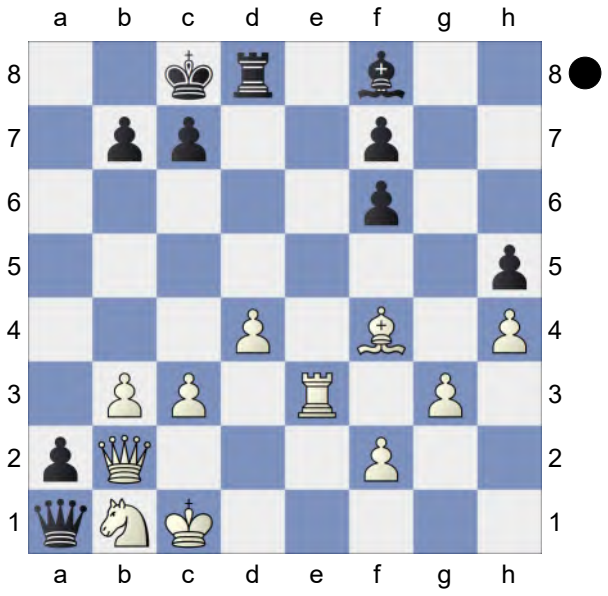
26...h5? 1.35/21

[26...Qa1!= -0.21/17 27.b4 Na4 Clearance]

(Diagram)



27.h4 0.00/21
[27.b4!± 1.35/21]
27...Qa1! Threatens to win with ...a2!.
28.g3? -5.79/18
[28.b4!= 0.00/21 and White is okay.]
28...a2-+ Pin **29.Qxb2**



Ba3! Promotion. Black mates. **30.Qxa3**
[30.Kd1 Bxb2]
30...axb1Q+

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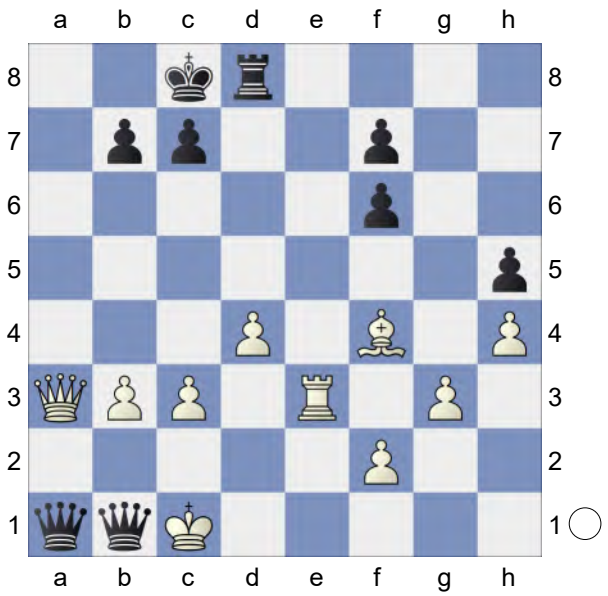

Discovered Attack **31.Kd2**
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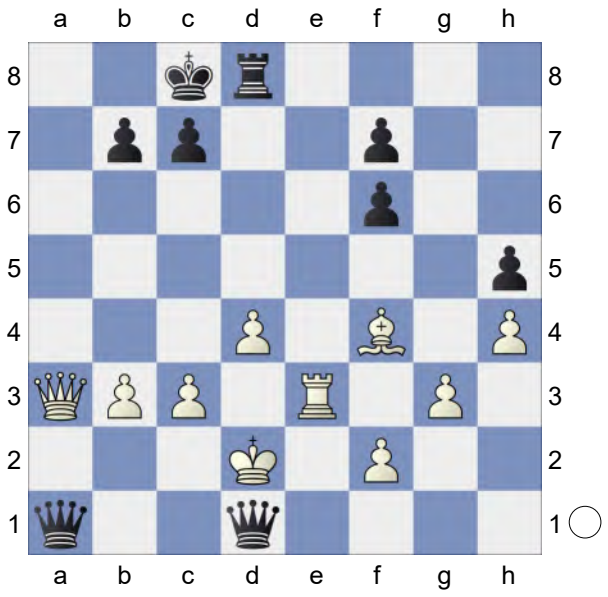
31...Qd1#



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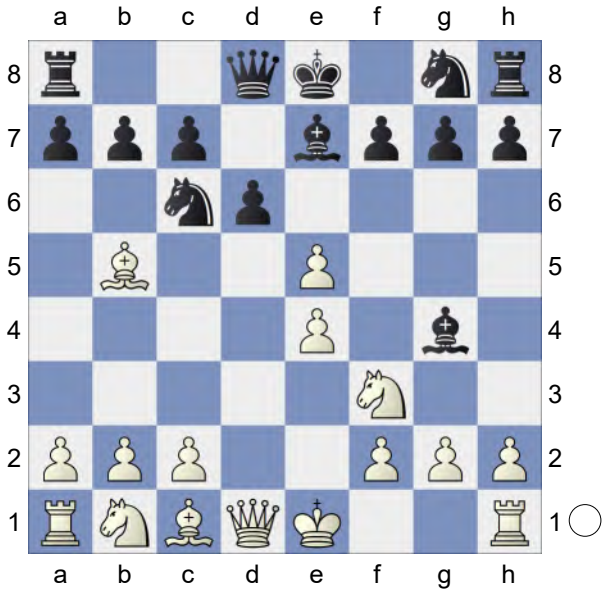
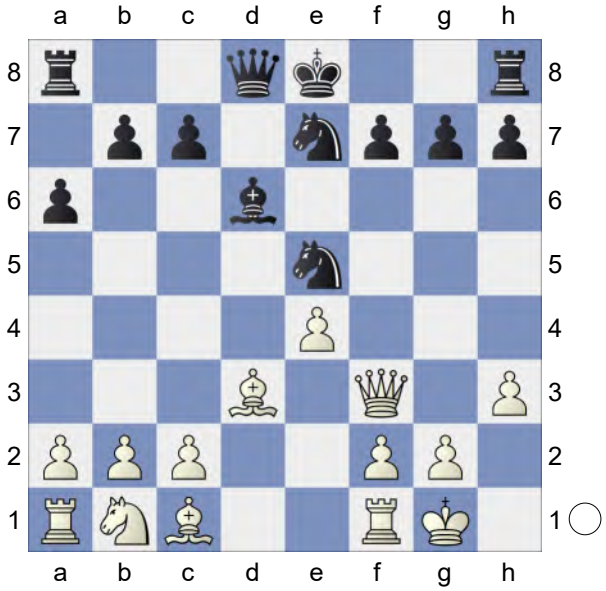
112 **A40**
□ **Jaracz,P** **2465**
■ **Torres Dominguez,D** **1998**
Titled Tue 21st Mar Late blitz (5) 21.03.23
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Be7N
[3...Nc6
A) 4.Bg5 Qd7 *(4...Be7 5.Bxe7 Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rd1* 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998*)* 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024;
B) 4.Bf4 f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]
[3...Bg4 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit, G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999]
4.e4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bg4



6.exd6 Bxd6 7.0-0 1.37/18
[7.h3+- 1.84/17 Bd7 8.0-0]
7...Nge7± 8.h3 White is clearly better.
8...Bxf3 9.Qxf3 a6 10.Bd3 Ne5



11.Qe2 Qd7 12.Nc3 0-0-0 13.Be3 Nxd3 14.cxd3
[14.Qxd3?! Qe6±]
14...f5 15.f4 Bb4

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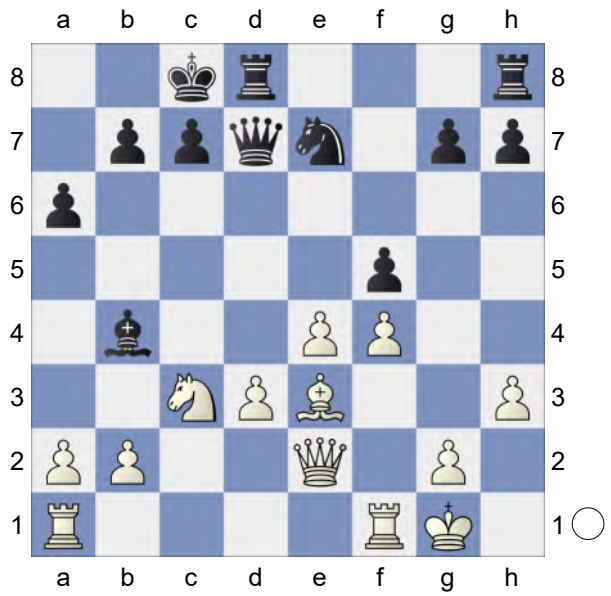
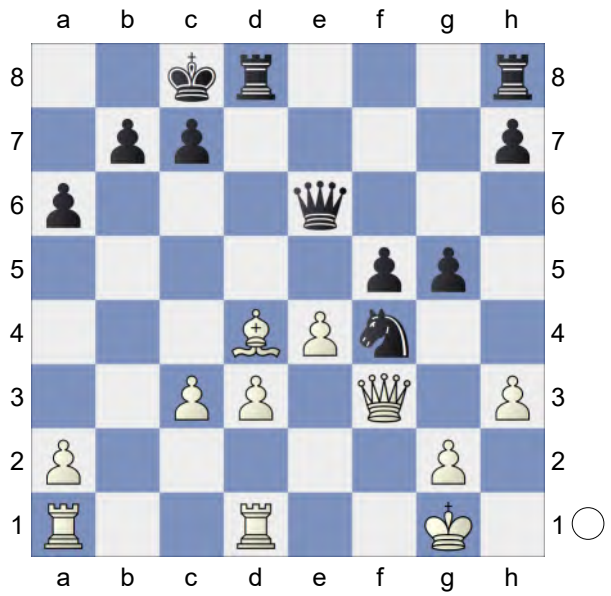
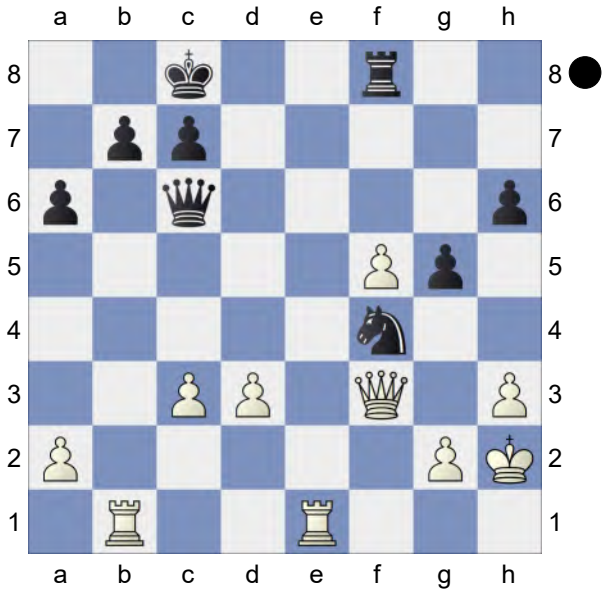


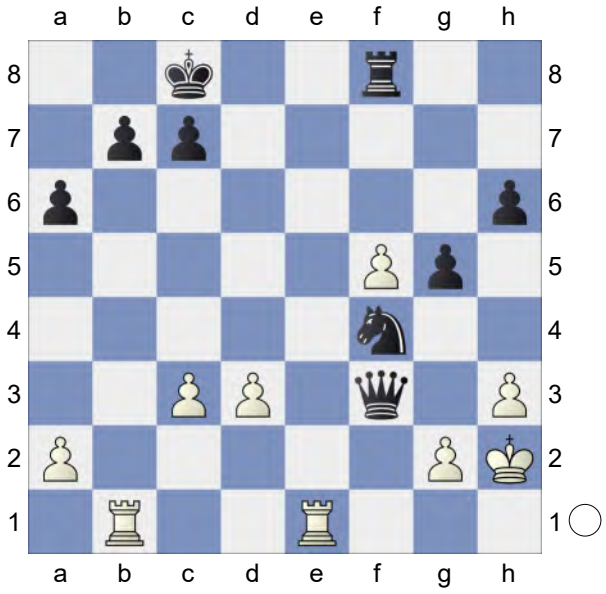
16.Rfd1 Qe6 17.Bf2 0.72/17
[⌓17.e5 1.45/19]
17...Bxc3 18.bxc3 Nd5 Dodges Qe3
19.Bd4 Nxf4 1.54/18
[⌓19...fxe4 0.77/19 20.Rf1 *(20.Bxg7 Nxf4 21.Qxe4 Qxe4∓; 20.Qxe4 Qxe4* Remove Defender *21.dxe4 Nxf4=; 20.dxe4 Nxf4 21.Qf3 Rdf8=)* 20...Rhe8]
20.Qf3 g5 3.00/21
[20...Qd6± 1.56/19]



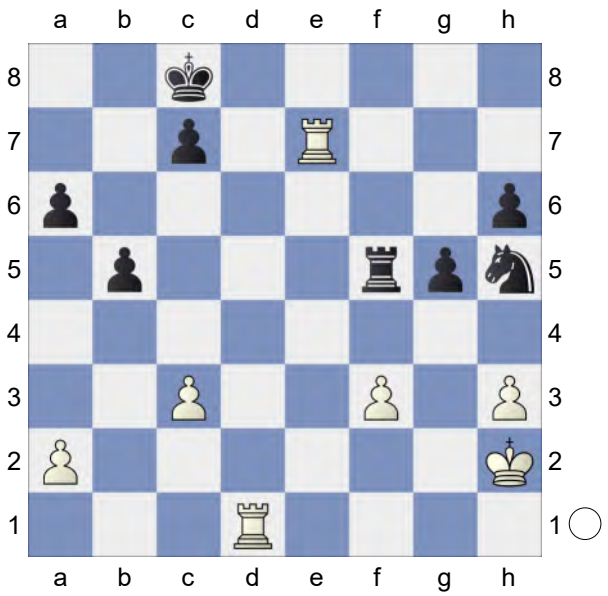
21.Bxh8+- Rxh8 22.Re1 Qc6 23.Rab1
[23.exf5 Qxf3 24.gxf3 Rf8±]
23...Rf8 24.Kh2 h6 25.exf5



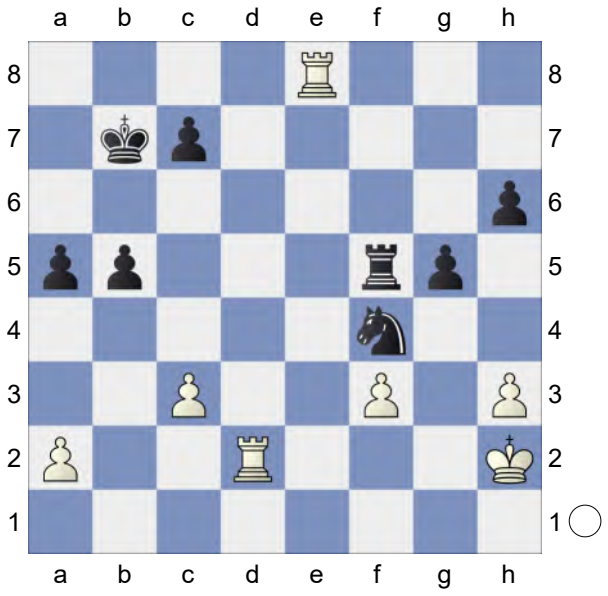
Qxf3



26.gxf3 Hoping for Re5. **26...Nxd3** 3.61/19 Endgame KRR-KRN
[26...b6 2.22/20 was called for. 27.d4 *(27.Re5 Nxd3 28.Re6 Rxf5±)* 27...Rxf5]
27.Re3 Nf4 28.Rd1 b5 29.Re5 Nh5 30.Re7? 0.81/18 Prevents Ng7.
[30.h4+- 3.55/21 and White stays clearly on top.]
30...Rxf5±

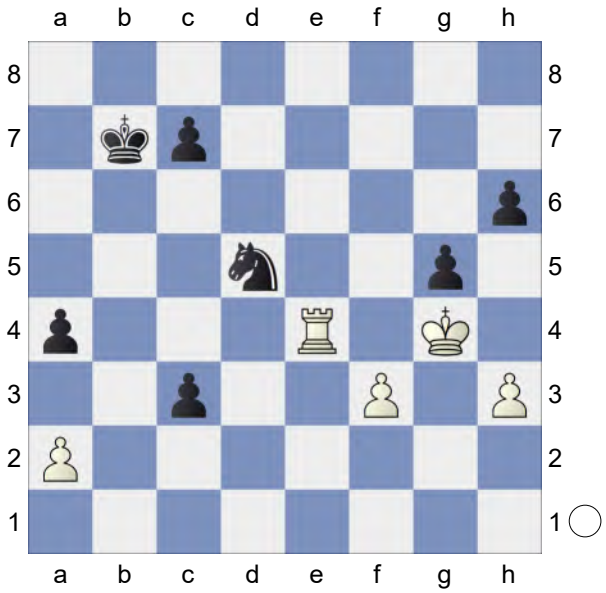


31.Rd3 0.22/20
[31.c4!± 0.82/21]
31...Nf4= 32.Rde3 -0.36/24
[White should play 32.Rd4± 0.43/21]
32...Nd5∓ Black has compensation.
33.Re8+ Kb7 34.Rd3 Nf4 35.Rd2 a5



36.Kg3 a4 37.Kg4 Rd5 38.Rxd5 -0.19/17
[⌓38.Rb2 0.24/20 Kc6 39.h4]
38...Nxd5= KR-KN **39.c4?** -8.82/25
bxc4? 0.00/20
[39...Nf6+-+ -8.82/25 40.Kf5 Nxe8 41.cxb5 Nd6+ 42.Kg4 Nxb5]

40.Re4? -9.72/21
[40.Re5? Kc6 41.Re1 *(41.Re6+? Kc5-+)* 41...c3-+]
[40.Re1= 0.00/20]
40...c3? -1.84/17
[40...Nf6+ -9.72/21 41.Kf5 Nxe4 42.Kxe4 Kc6]



41.Kg3? -5.23/21
[41.Rxa4? is the wrong capture. c2 42.Kh5 c1Q-+ *(42...c1R? 43.Kxh6 c5 44.Rg4-+)*]
[41.Re1 -1.84/17 nothing else works.]
41...c2-+ Black is clearly winning.
42.Rc4 Ne3 43.Rc3 Kb6 44.f4 -8.34/27
[⌓44.h4 -4.42/19]
44...gxf4+ 45.Kf3 c5

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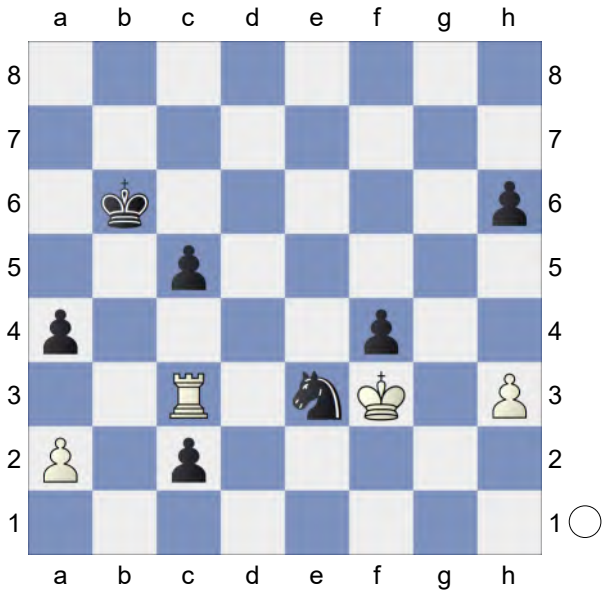
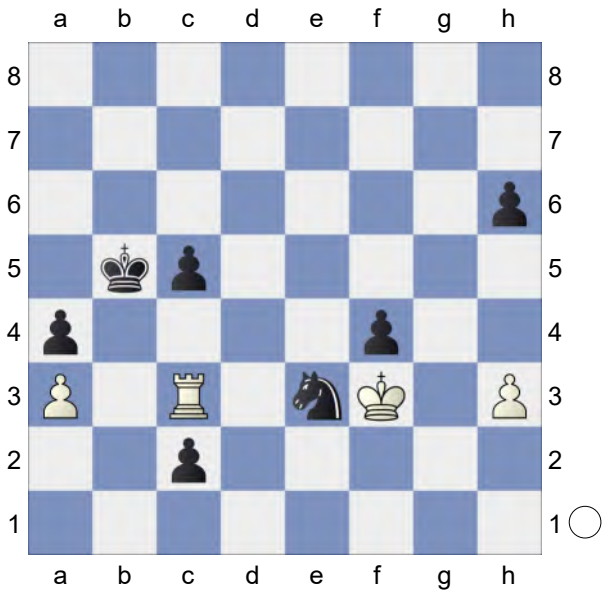


46.a3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/ Black=0.43

46...Kb5



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113 **A40**

□ **Vetokhin,Savva** **2317**

■ **Mikhailovsky,Vladimir** **2228**

Titled Tuesday 3rd Nov blitz (6) 03.11.20

[Kitty Kat]

C41: Philidor Defence

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4N

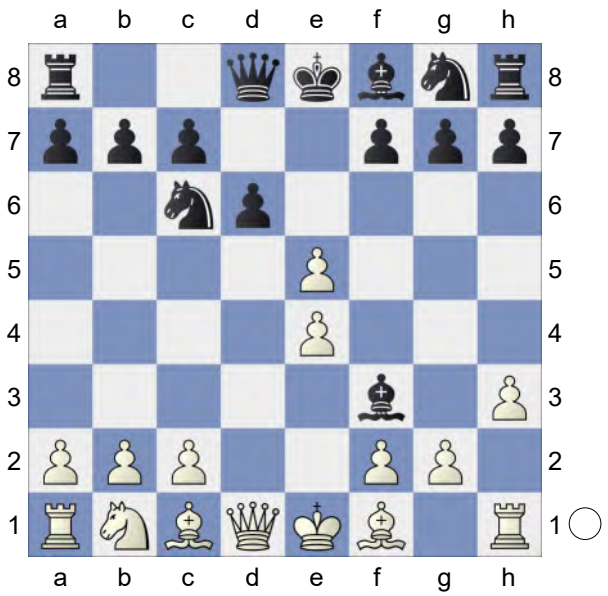
[4.Bf4 f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (9)]

[4.Bg5

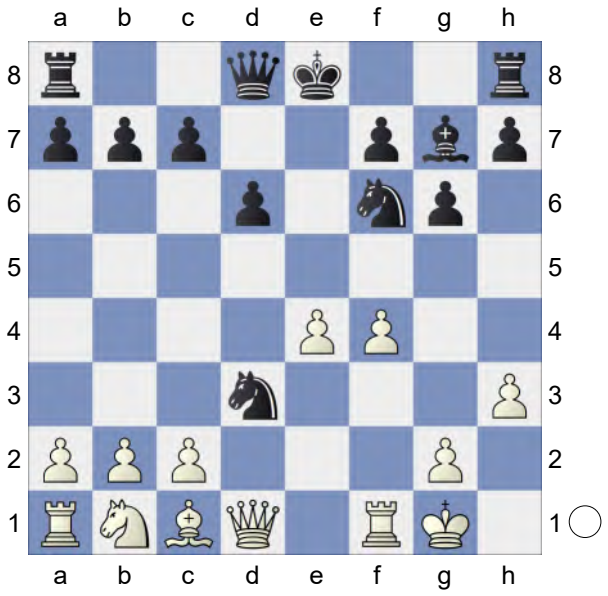
A) 4...Be7 5.Bxe7 Ngxe7 *(5...Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 18.Be2 h5 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.Rxb7* 1-0 (21) Marchisotti,M (1264)-Chekhover,V (1290) (ol) 73/324 Elista 1998*)* 6.exd6 cxd6 7.c3 0-0 8.e3 Be6 9.Be2 Qb6 10.Qc2 Bf5 11.Qb3 Qxb3 12.axb3 19) Englund Gambit 1...e5-Englund Gambit 1...e5 - 2.d The Meanest Jobava 2023;

B) 4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

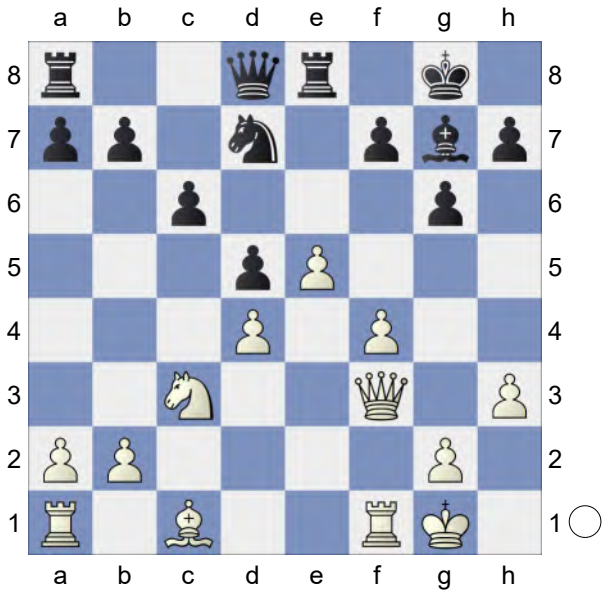
4...Bg4 5.h3 Bxf3



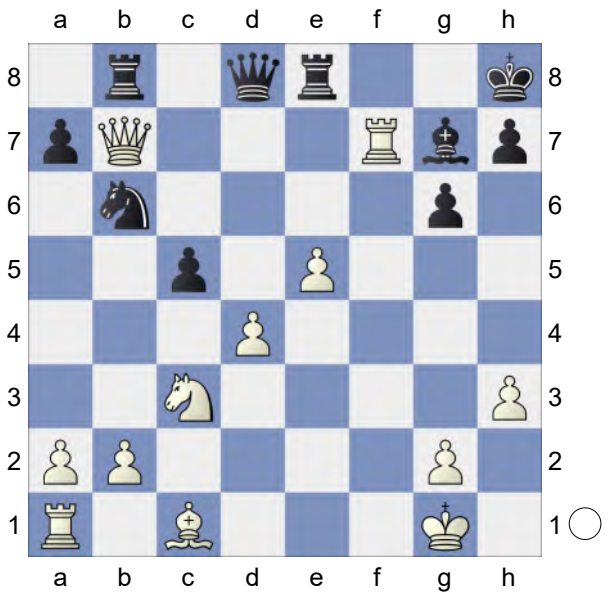
6.Qxf3 Nxe5 1.35/18
[Black should try 6...dxe5 0.94/19 7.Bb5 Qd7]
7.Qd1 0.81/19
[⩲7.Qb3 1.35/18]
7...Nf6 8.Bd3 -0.36/22
[8.Nc3± 0.95/18]
8...g6 0.39/22
[8...d5∓ -0.36/22]
9.0-0 Bg7 10.f4 Nxd3



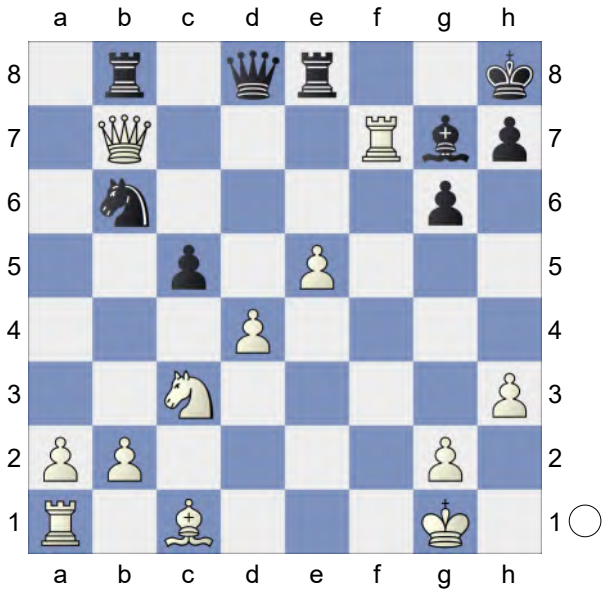
11.cxd3 0-0 12.Nc3 c6 13.Qf3 d5 14.e5 Nd7 15.d4 Re8 0.97/18
[15...Qe7± 0.54/21]



16.f5 c5 17.fxg6 White is more active.
[17.Qxd5?! cxd4 18.fxg6 hxg6 19.Qxd4 *(19.Qxf7+ Kh8=)* 19...Nxe5∓ *(19...Bxe5 20.Qd3∓)*]
17...fxg6 2.61/18
[17...hxg6± 1.40/18 18.Qxf7+ *(18.Nxd5 Kh7+-)* 18...Kh7 19.Nxd5 *(19.Qxd5 cxd4 20.Qxd4 Nxe5±)* 19...Rf8]
18.Qxd5++-
[18.Nxd5 Rc8±]
18...Kh8 19.Rf7 1.54/20
[19.Qxb7 cxd4 20.Ne4 Nxe5±]
[19.dxc5 Rxe5 20.Qc4 *(20.Qxb7 Nxc5 21.Qf3 Qd4+ 22.Kh2 Rf8=)* 20...Qc8=]
[19.Ne4+- 3.07/20]
19...Nb6 20.Qxb7→ 0.38/20
White mounts an attack.
[20.Qxc5?! Rc8 21.Qd6 *(21.Qb4 Rf8±)* 21...Qxd6 22.exd6 Bxd4+ 23.Kf1 Rc5±]
[20.Qxd8!+- 1.86/19 Rexd8 21.dxc5 *(21.Rxb7 cxd4 22.Nb5 Bxe5±)*]
20...Rb8 1.10/20
[20...Qxd4+± 0.38/20 21.Kh1 Rf8]

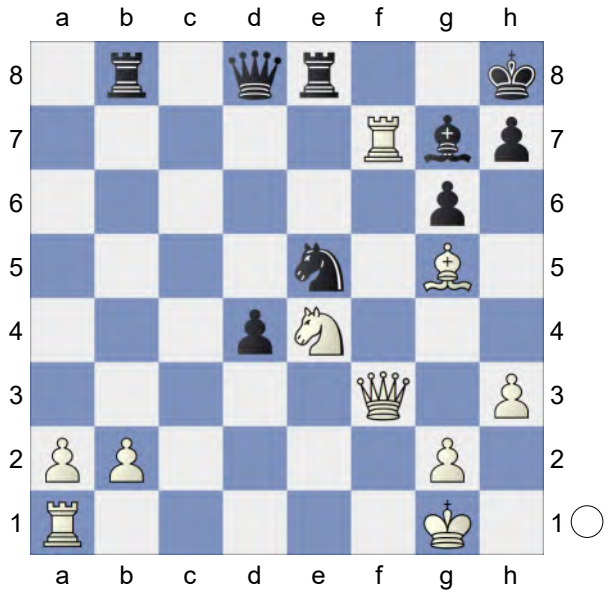


21.Qxa7± Ra8
[21...Qxd4+? loses. 22.Kh1 Rf8 23.Bh6 *(23.Rxg7* is a self mate. *Rf1+ 24.Kh2 Qxe5+ 25.g3 Rf2+ 26.Kh1 Qe1#)* 23...Bxh6 24.Rxh7+ Kg8 25.Rxh6+-]
22.Qb7 Rb8

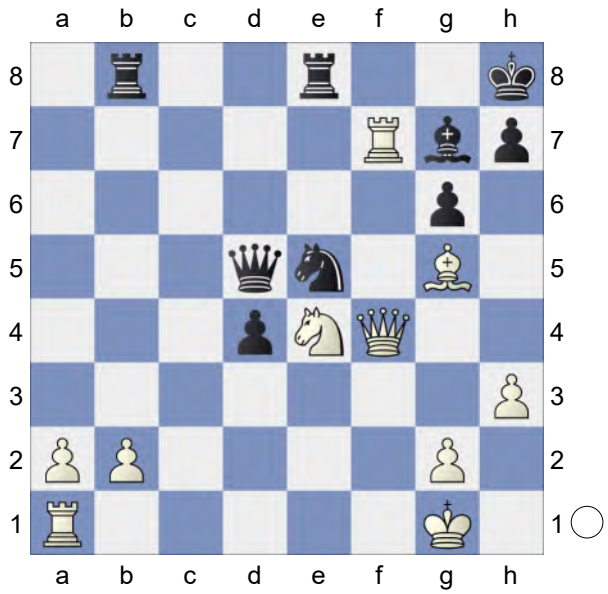


23.Qf3! cxd4 1.87/18
[23...Nc4± 1.19/20]
24.Ne4+- And now Bf4 would win.
24...Nc4 2.76/21
[24...Nd7 1.70/18 was called for. 25.Bg5 Nxe5]

25.Bg5 Nxe5

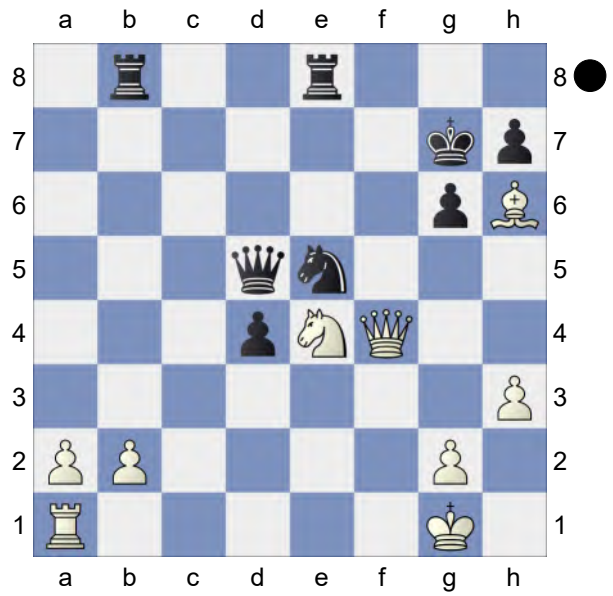


26.Qf4 Qd5? 7.88/19
[26...Nxf7 1.72/19 27.Bxd8 Rbxd8]



27.Rxg7! White threatens Qf6! and mate. **27...Kxg7**
[27...Qxe4 28.Qf6]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.70
28.Bh6+

(Diagram)



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114 **A40**
□ **Lopez Mulet,Inigo** **2404**
■ **Torres Dominguez,D** **1994**
Titled Tue 23rd May Early blitz (2)
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**

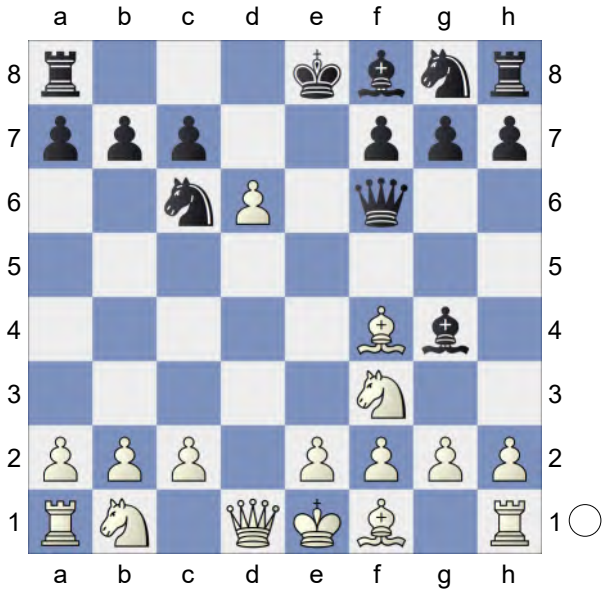
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4.Bf4N

[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 19.Qd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb7 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 1-0 (36) Rico Quintero, M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]

[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch, A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

4...Nc6 5.exd6 Qf6

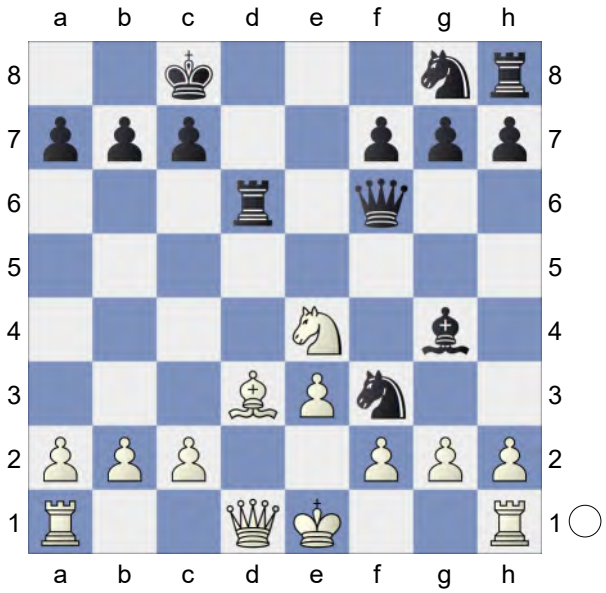


6.e3 Bxd6 7.Bxd6 0-0-0 8.Nc3 White is better. **8...Rxd6 9.Bd3 Ne5** 2.01/23

[9...Qh6± 0.85/19 was called for.]

10.Ne4!+- Nxf3+ 3.15/23

[⌓10...Rxd3 1.78/17 11.cxd3 Qa6]



11.gxf3 Bxf3 12.Nxf6

[12.Nxd6+? cxd6 13.Be2 Bxh1-+]

12...Bxd1 13.Nxg8? 1.23/20

[13.Nxh7? Rxd3 14.cxd3 Bf3-+]

[13.Bf5++- 3.14/22 and White stays clearly on top. Kd8 14.Ne4 *(14.Nxh7 Bh5=)*]

13...Bf3± 14.Ne7+ 0.11/23

[White should try 14.Rg1!± 1.23/23 Rxg8 15.Rg3 *(15.Bxh7 Rgd8±)*]

14...Kd8 15.Rg1 Kxe7

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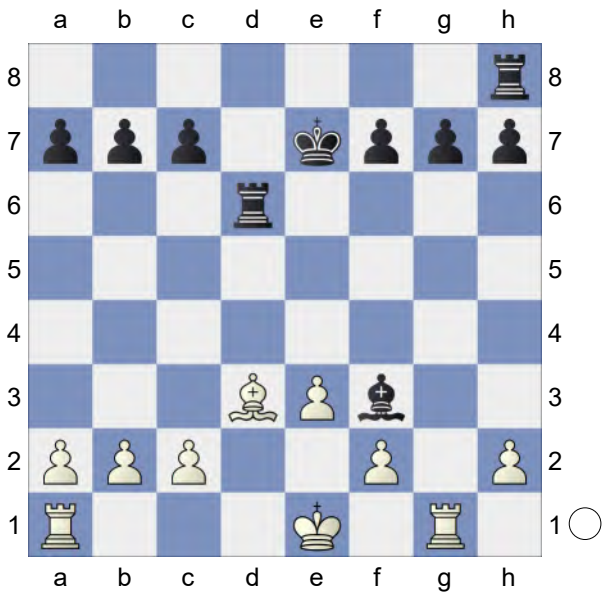


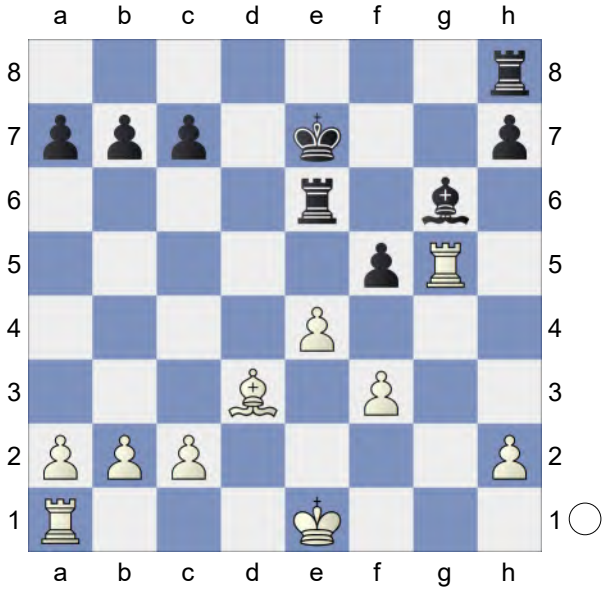
16.Rxg7 Bh5? 1.44/21

[16...Rg6!= -0.26/22 17.Rxg6 *(17.Bxg6? too greedy. hxg6 18.Kd2 Kf6-+)* 17...hxg6]

17.Rg5 Bg6 18.e4 1.05/19

[18.Ke2+- 1.72/17]

18...Re6 19.f3 f5

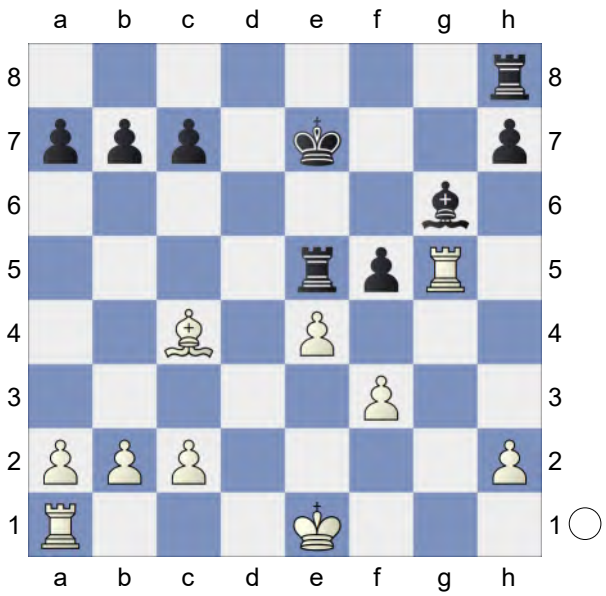


20.Bc4 0.41/22

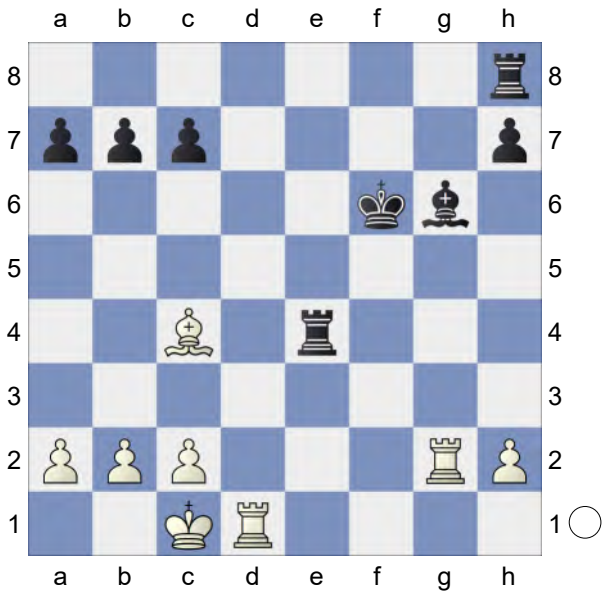
[20.0-0-0!± 0.97/23 fxe4 21.Bxe4]

20...Re5±

(Diagram)



21.0-0-0 Threatens to win with Bd3.
21...Kf6! 22.Rg2 fxe4 23.fxe4 Rxe4



This move loses the game for White.
24.Rd7? -3.43/20 **Rxc4-+ 25.Rf2+ Kg5**

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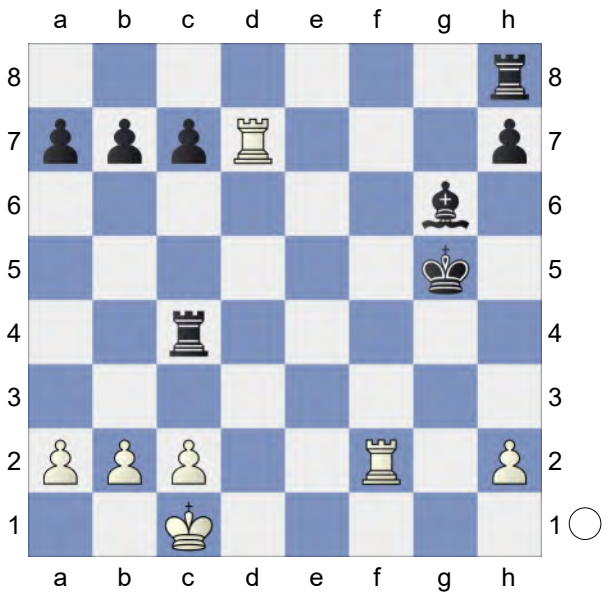
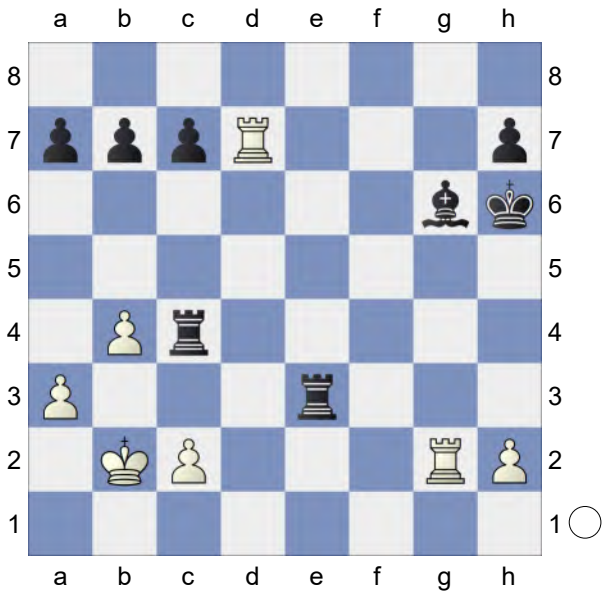
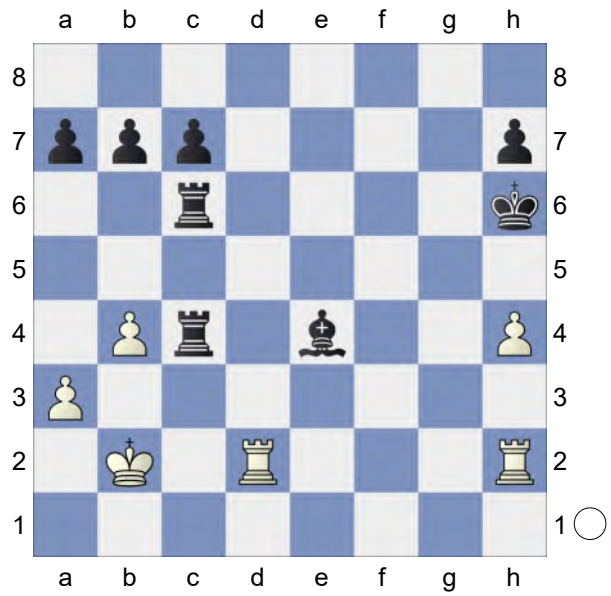


26.b3 Rc5 27.Rg2+ Kh6 28.b4 Rc4 29.a3 Re8 30.Kb2 Re3

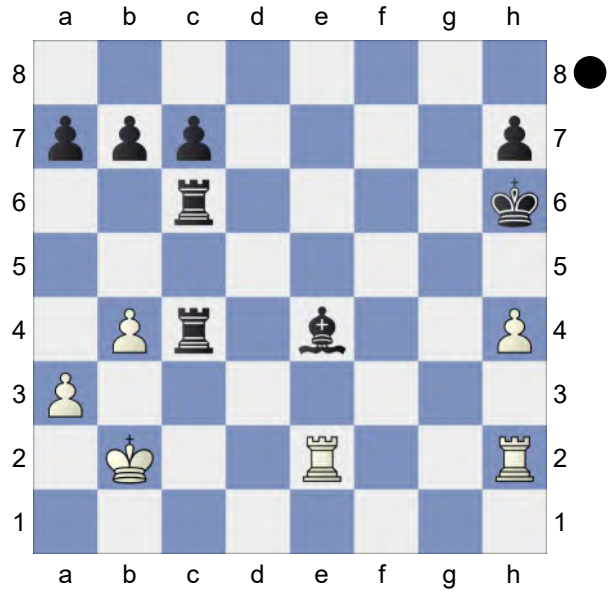


31.h4 Rec3 32.Rdd2 Rc6 33.Rh2 R3c4 34.Kb3 Bxc2+ 35.Kb2 Be4

(Diagram)



36.Rde2



Rc2+! 37.Kb3
[37.Ka1 Kh5]
37...Rxe2 -5.97/18
[⌓37...Bd5+ -#3/15 38.Ka4 Ra6+ Skewer 39.Kb5 Bc6#]
38.Rxe2 Endgame KRB-KR **38...Bd5+ 39.Kb2 Re6** Prevents Re5 **40.Rd2 c6**

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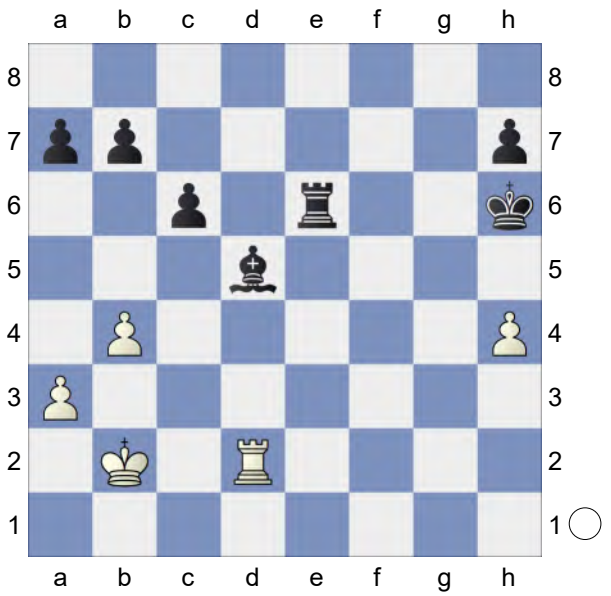
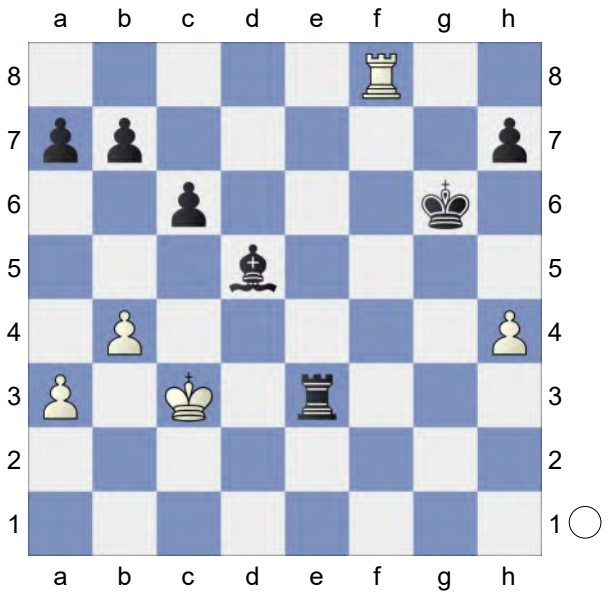


41.Rf2 Bc4 42.Rf4 Bd5 43.Rf5 Kg6 44.Rf8 Re2+ 45.Kc3 Re3+



46.Kd4 Re4+ 47.Kc5 Rxh4 48.Rb8 Rf4 49.Rxb7 Rf7 50.Rb8 h5

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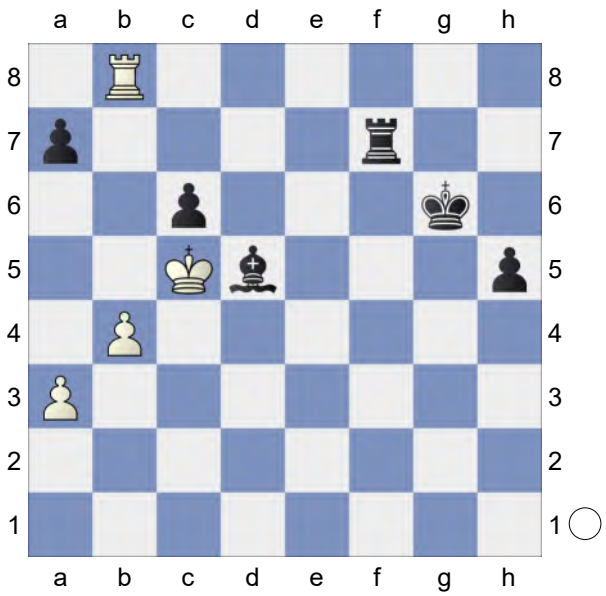
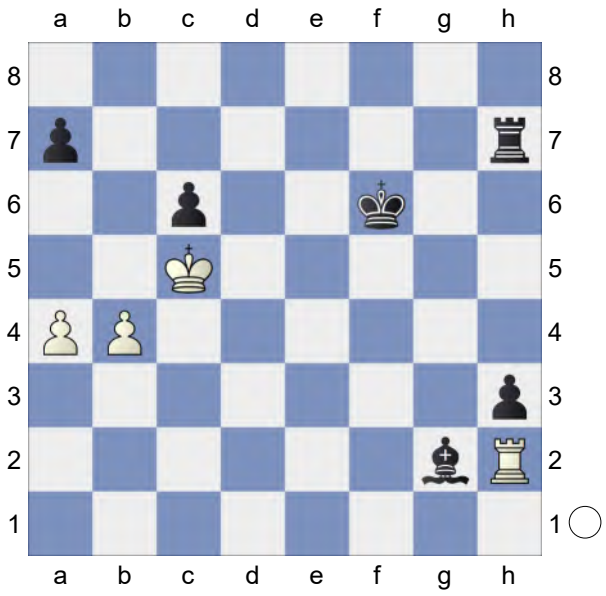


Threatens to win with ...h4. **51.Rh8 Rh7 52.Re8 h4 53.Re2 h3 54.Rh2 Bg2 55.a4 Kf6**



56.Kd6 Kf5 57.b5 cxb5 58.axb5 Kf4 59.Kc5 Kg3 60.Rxh3+ Kxh3

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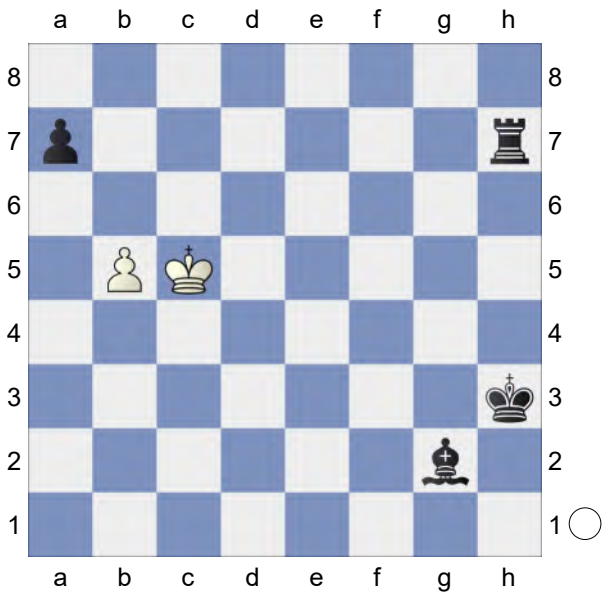
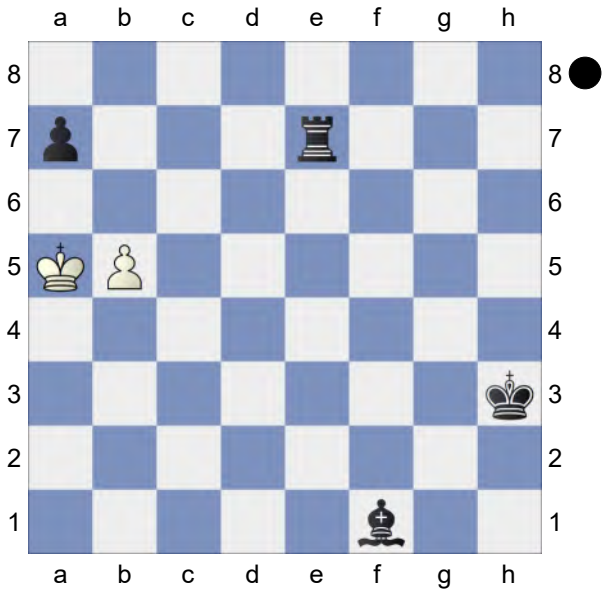


61.Kb4 Rb7 62.Ka5 Re7 -16.51/22
[⌓62...Rb6 -#16/19 63.Ka4 Bf1 64.Ka5 Rxb5+ 65.Ka6 Kg4 66.Kxa7 Kf5 67.Ka6 Ke6 68.Ka7 Kd6 69.Ka6 Kc7 70.Ka7 Ra5#]
63.Ka6 Bf1 Black mates. **64.Ka5**



Bxb5! 65.Kxb5
[65.Kb4 Rb7]
65...Kg4

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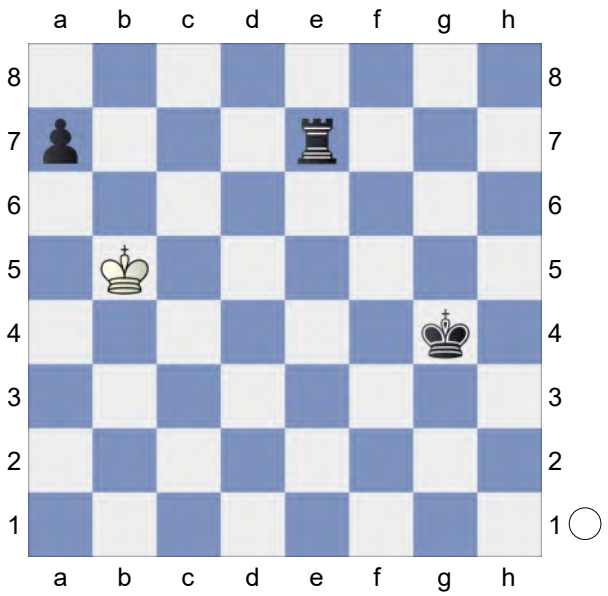

66.Ka6

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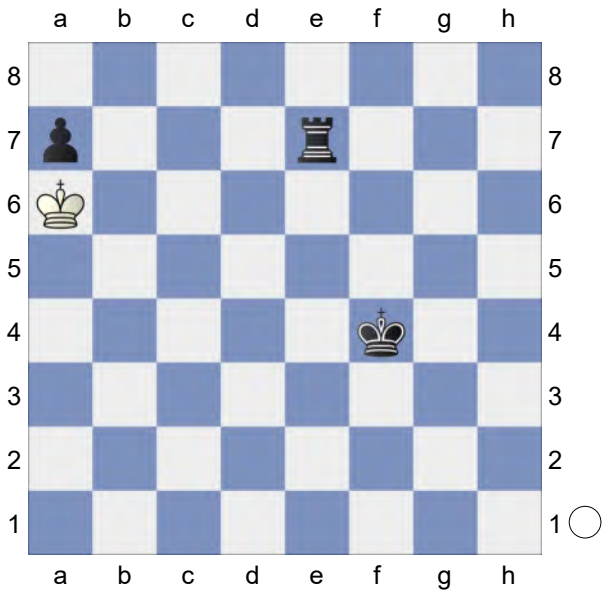
66...Kf4



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115 **A40**

□ **Iskusnyh,Sergei** **2443**

■ **Torres Dominguez,D** **1998**

Titled Tue 31st Jan Early blitz (1)

[Kitty Kat]

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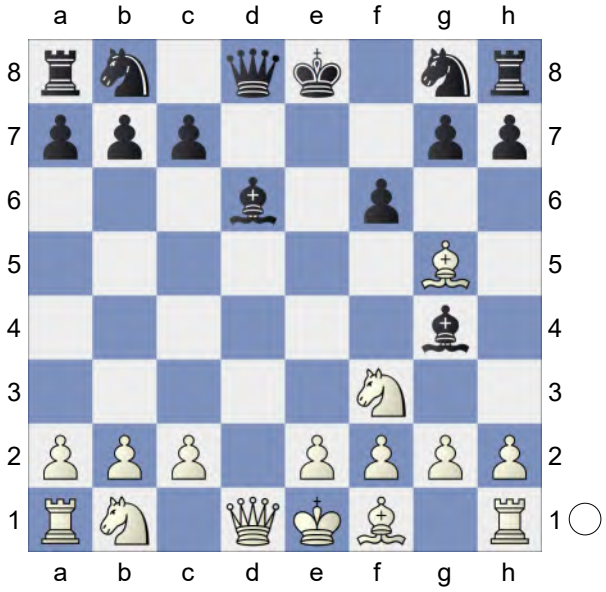

6.Bh4 Qe7

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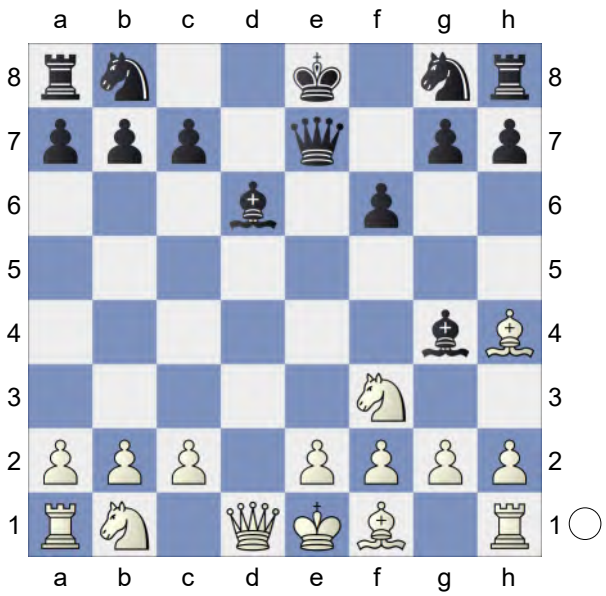


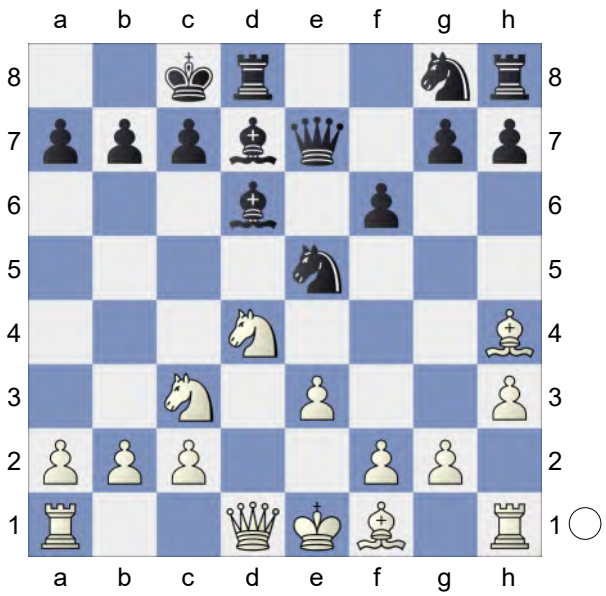
7.Nc3 0.63/21

[White should play 7.Bg3!± 1.51/18]

7...Nc6± 8.Nd4N White is slightly better.

[8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 19.Kxe2 Kd7 20.e4 Ke6 21.Ke3 c6 22.f4 Nc8 1-0 (65) Muetsch,A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

8...Ne5 9.h3 Bd7 10.e3 0-0-0



11.Be2 -0.38/20

[11.Ne4± 0.73/22]

11...Ng6∓ Black has compensation.

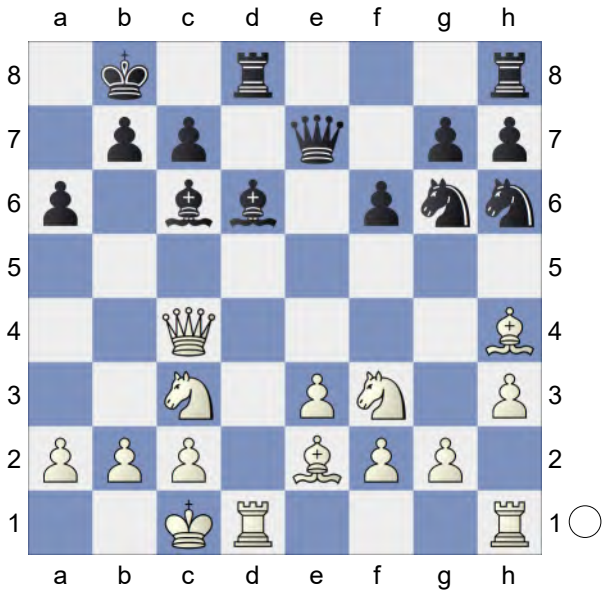
12.Nf3 Bc6 13.Qd4 Kb8 14.0-0-0 And now Bg3 would win. **14...Nh6**

15.Qc4 -1.33/22

[15.Nd5!= -0.11/20 was the only way to keep the balance. Qf7 16.Bc4]

15...a6 -0.13/22

[15...Nf5∓ -1.33/22 aiming for ...Bxf3. 16.Nd4 *(16.Nd5? Qe6∓)* 16...Nxd4 *(16...Nfxh4 17.Nxc6+ bxc6 18.Qb3+ Ka8 19.Qa4=)* 17.Rxd4 Bxg2]



16.Rxd6 -0.90/22 **Rxd6∓ 17.Bg3**

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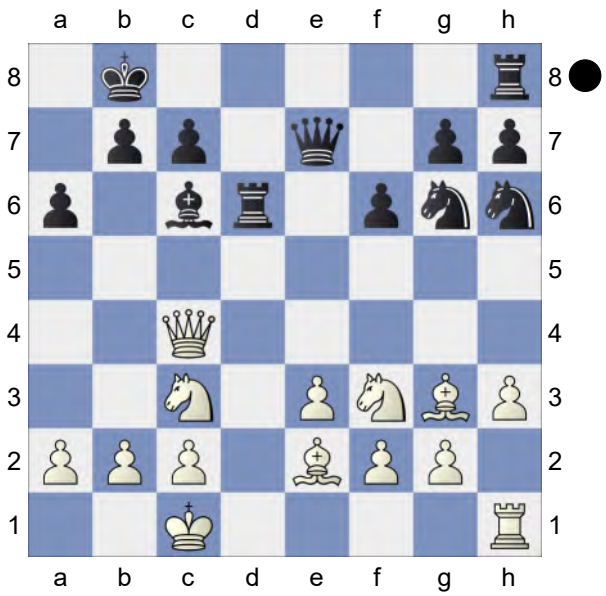
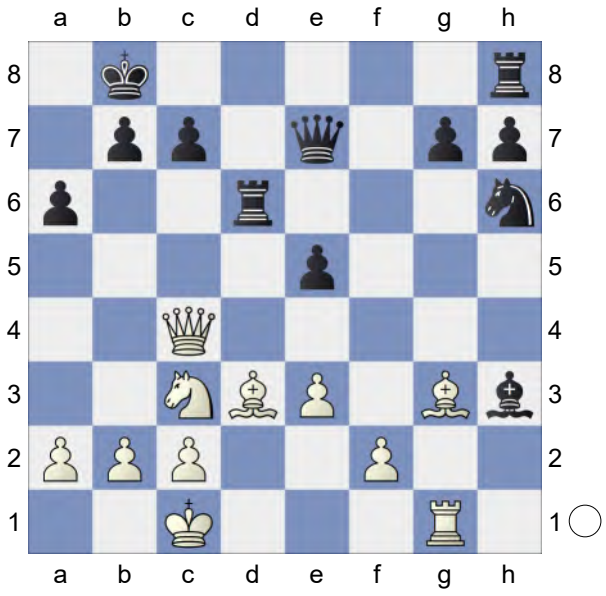


Ne5!↑ Black is on the roll. **18.Nxe5** -1.48/20
[⩲18.Qb3 -0.82/23]
18...fxe5 19.Bd3 -2.04/17 Prevents Nf5
[19.Rg1∓ -1.18/21]
19...Bxg2-+ 20.Rg1 Bxh3



This costs White the game. **21.Ne4?** -3.45/19
[21.Nd5∓ -1.26/15 keeps fighting. Qf7 22.Qxc7+ Qxc7 23.Nxc7]
21...Rc6 22.Qa4 Bd7 23.Qb3 Nf5 24.Bh2 g6 25.Nc3 Rd8
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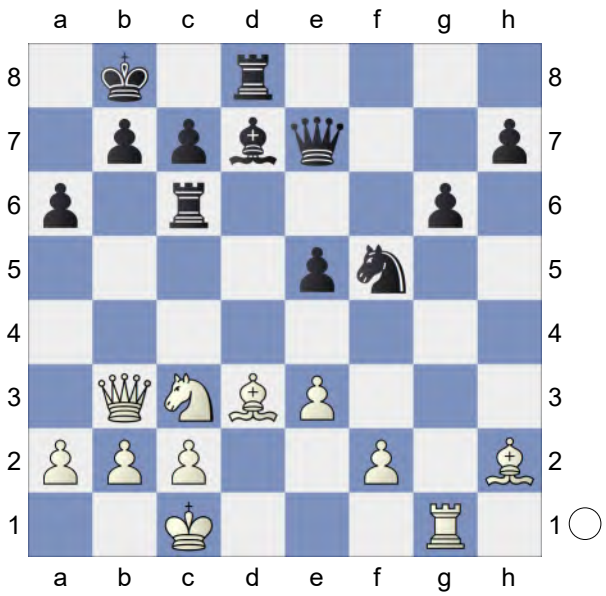

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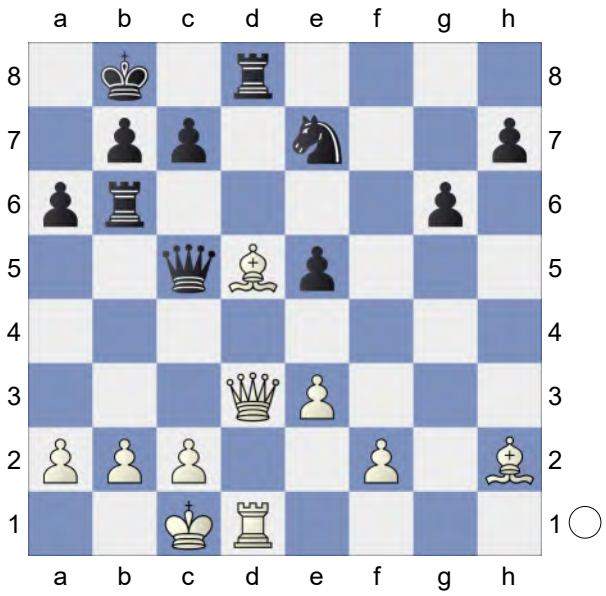

31.e4 Nxd5
[31...Qxf2 32.Bg1 Qf6 33.Bxb6 Qxb6 34.Qh3]
32.exd5 Rbd6
[32...Qxf2 33.Bxe5 Qh4 34.Kb1-+]
33.Re1 Rxd5 34.Qe2

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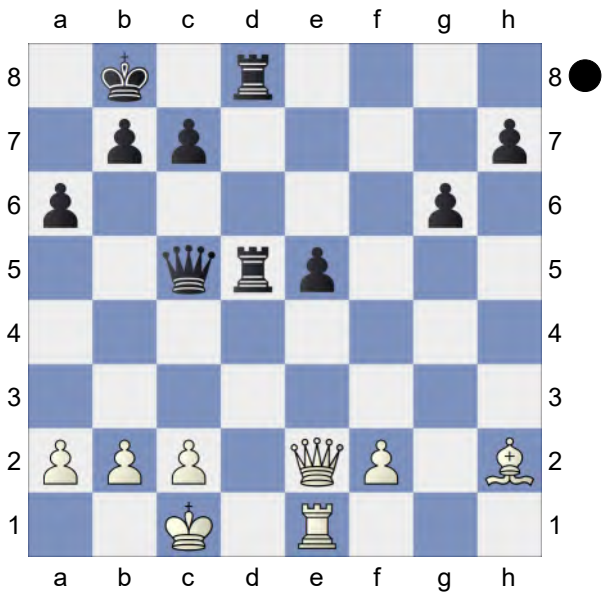
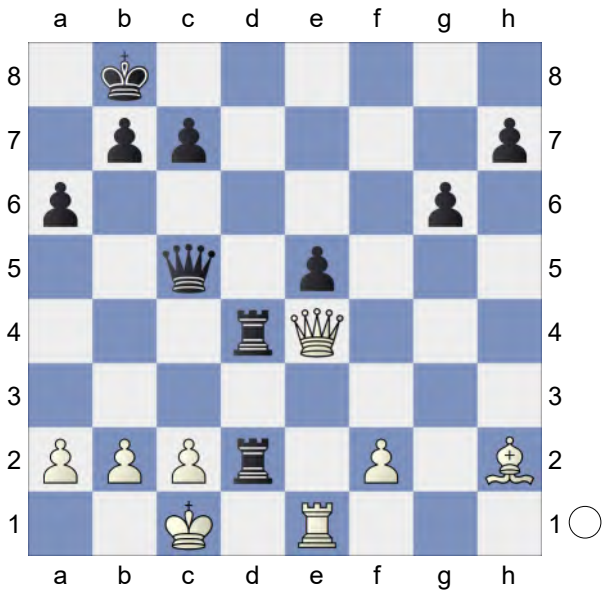
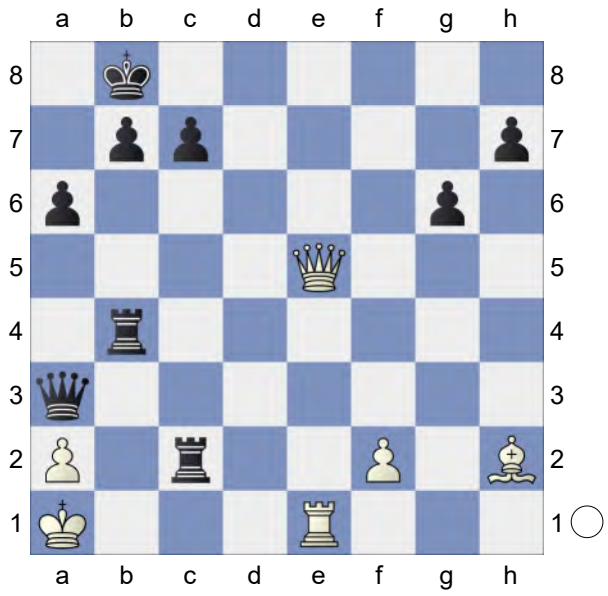


Rd2! 35.Qe4
[35.Qxd2 Rxd2]
35...R8d4



36.b4 Qxb4 -10.86/20
[⌓36...Qc3 -#4/15 37.Qd3 R2xd3 Discovered Attack (*37...R4xd3? 38.Kb1 Qxc2+ 39.Ka1 Qxa2#*) 38.Kb1 Qxe1+ 39.Kb2 Rxb4#]
37.Qxe5 Qa3+ 38.Kb1 Rb4+ -12.72/24
[⌓38...Rd1+ -#2/21 39.Rxd1 Rxd1#]
39.Ka1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.40

39...Rxc2
[Not 39...Rxf2 40.Qxc7+ Ka7 41.Qb8+ (*41.Qxh7? Qc3#; 41.Qc5+ Rb6+-*) 41...Kb6 42.Qd8+ Kb5 43.Re5+ Kc6 44.Qd5+ (*44.Qc8+ Kd6 45.Qe6+ Kc7 46.Rc5+* Discovered Attack (Double Check) *Kd8 47.Rd5#*) 44...Kc7 45.Re7+ Discovered Attack (Double Check), Double Attack Kc8 46.Re8#]



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116 **A40**
□ **Sarkar,Justin** **2309**
■ **Martine,J C** **2008**
Titled Tue 30th May Early blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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From prelims of 9th USCCC, circa 1988. Allen Wright is TD for the USCCC but somebody else must have conrolled his secion. He is featured, with this game, in Check Is In The Mail by Alex Dunne,

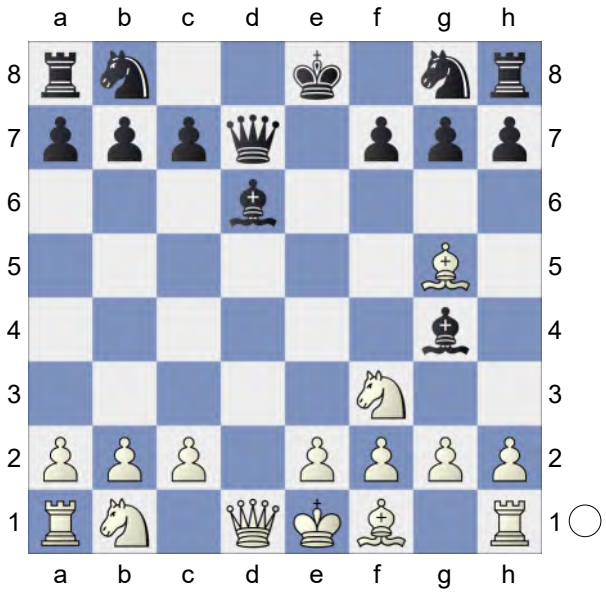
Chess Life August 1996 p.54. It is also in Avery's history of CC in America p215 E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**

[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4.Bg5

[4.Nc3 Nc6 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Bg5 f6 7.Bh4 Qe7 8.e3 0-0-0 9.Qe2 g5 10.Bg3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Ne5 12.Rd1 h5 13.Rxd8+ Qxd8 14.Qd2 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 Bxf3 17.Rh2 Ne7 18.Be2 Bxe2 1-0 (65) Muetsch, A (2249)-Arslanov,S (2410) Titled 2th Nov Early 2024 (3)]

4...Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6



6.Nc3N

[6.Qd4 f6 7.Qe4+ Ne7 8.Qxb7 fxg5 9.Qxa8 Qb5 10.Nbd2 Nec6 11.e3 Qb6 12.Nc4 Qc5 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Qb7 0-0 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Be2 Nb4 17.c3 N4c6 18.0-0-0 Na5 19.Qd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 Nb7 1-0 (36) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit, G (1290) E0342 www.desc-online.de 1999 21.Rxg5 Be6 22.a3 Nc5 23.Rf1 h6 24.Rg6 Kh7 25.Rg3 Nbd7 26.Nd4 Bf7 27.Nf5 Bg6 28.Nxd6 Rb8 29.b4 Na4 30.e4 Nf6 31.e5 Nd5 32.Kd2 a5 33.c4 Nf4 34.Bd1 Nb2 35.b5 Rd8 1-0 Rico Quin Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) 27/545 Luzern 1979]

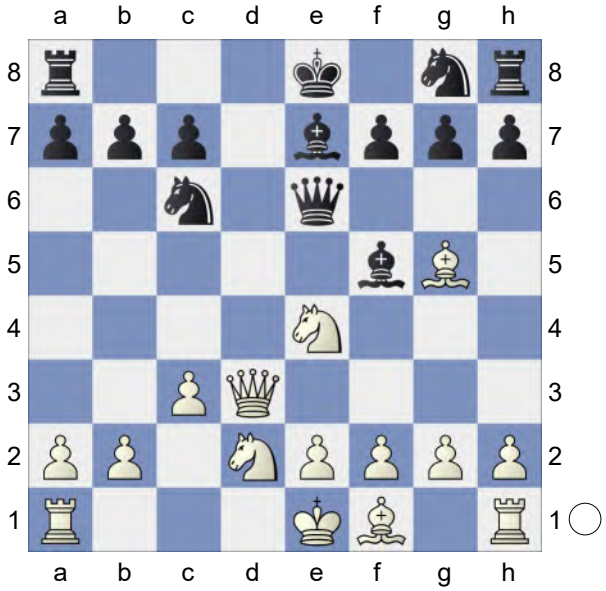
6...Nc6 7.Ne4 Bb4+ 8.c3 White is clearly better. **8...Qe6 9.Qd3 Bf5** 1.77/19

[9...Be7± 1.32/15]

10.Nfd2 0.84/19

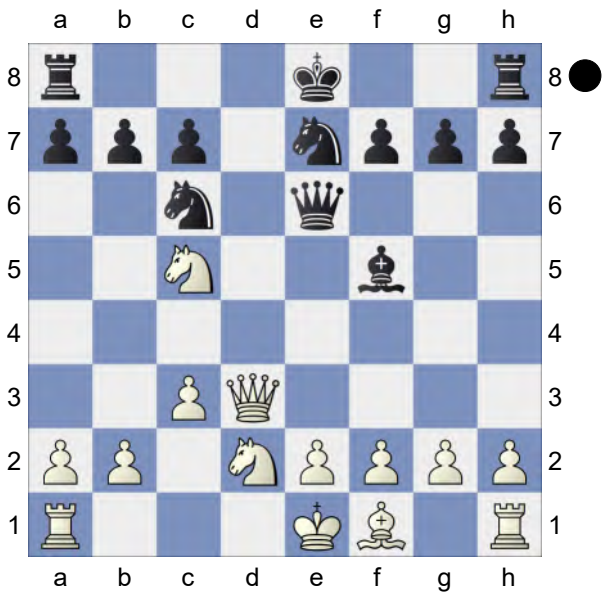
[10.cxb4+- 1.77/19 aiming for Nc5!. Bxe4 11.Qc3]

10...Be7±

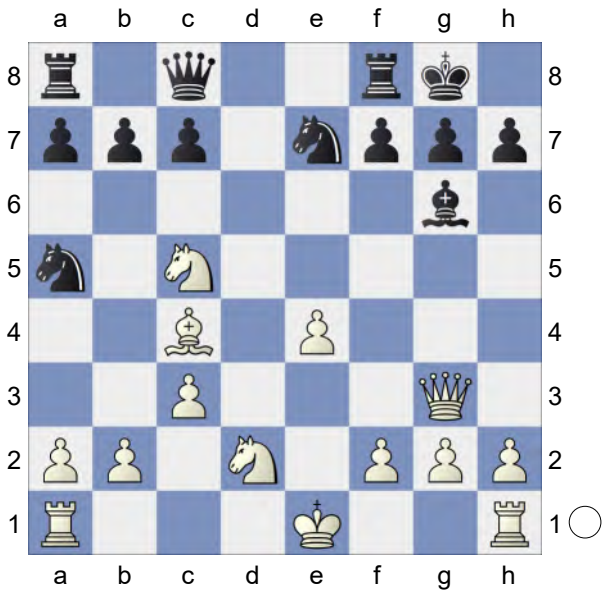


11.Bxe7 Ngxe7 12.Nc5

(Diagram)



Double Attack **12...Qc8** 2.15/21
[12...Qe5!= 0.30/19 13.Qe3 Qxe3 14.fxe3 Rd8]
13.Qg3 0-0 14.e4 Bg6 15.Bc4 Na5



16.Be2 b6 17.Nd3 f6 18.0-0 Nac6 19.Nf4 Bf7 20.Bg4 Qe8

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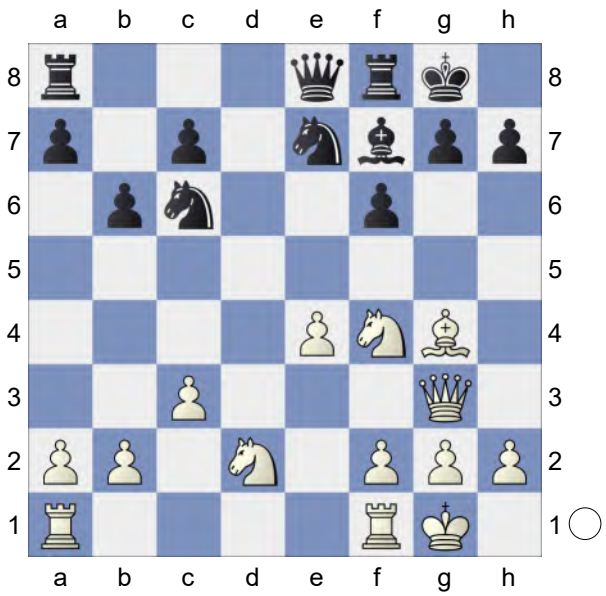
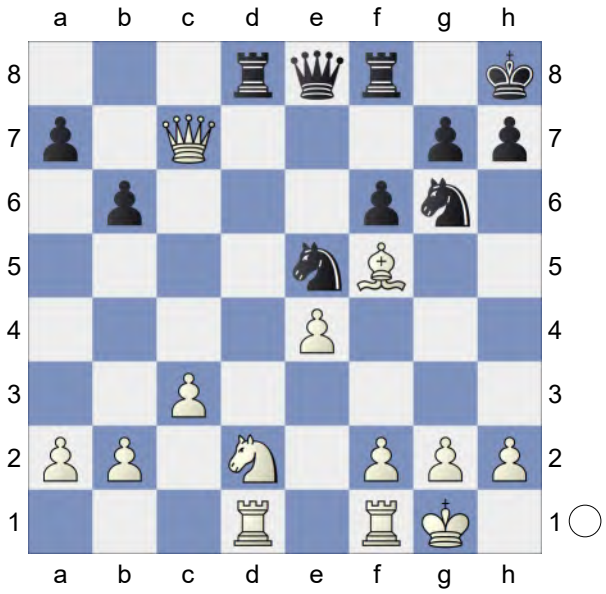
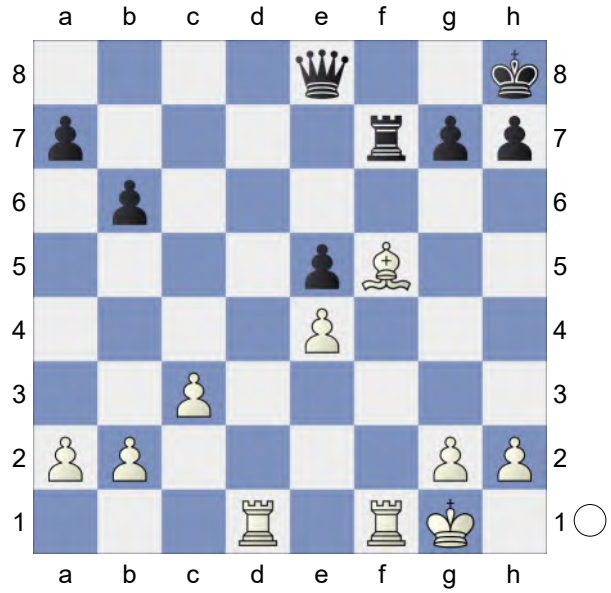


21.Ne6 Bxe6 22.Bxe6+ Kh8
Black is weak on the light squares
23.Qxc7 Rd8 24.Rad1 Ng6 25.Bf5 Nce5 2.79/17
[25...Nge5± 0.99/19 26.Nb3 Nd3]



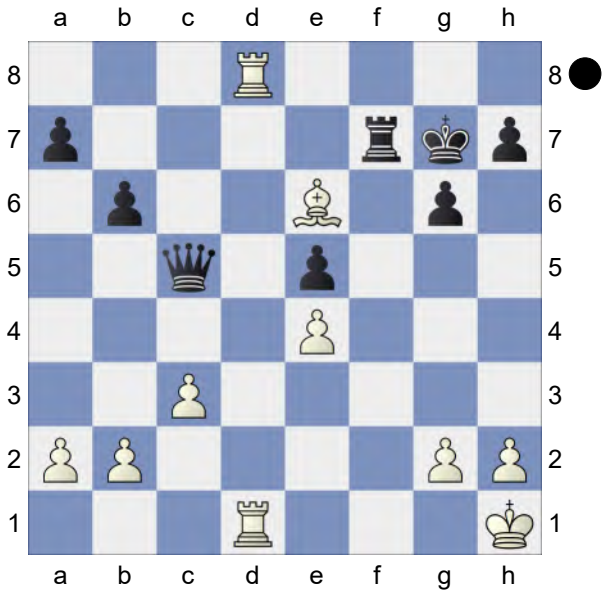
Dodges Nc4 **26.f4?** -0.36/20
[26.Qxa7 Nf4±]
[26.Nc4+- 2.79/17]
26...Rf7∓ 27.Qxd8 -0.85/18 **Qxd8∓ 28.fxe5 Nxe5 29.Nc4** Discovered Attack, Back Rank **29...Qe8** 0.55/23
[29...Qe7∓ -1.02/21 30.Nxe5 fxe5]

30.Nxe5 -0.73/18
[30.Nd6± 0.55/23 was forced to keep a grip. Qf8 31.Nxf7+ Nxf7 32.Kh1]
30...fxe5

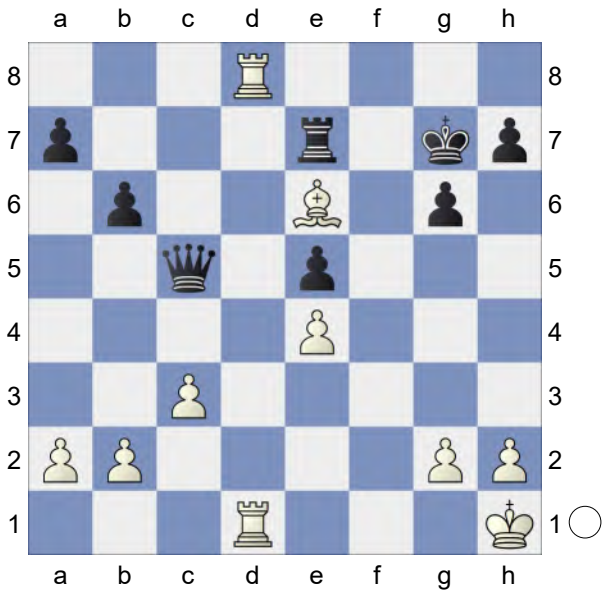


31.Rd5 -1.96/21
[31.Be6∓ -0.73/22 was necessary. Rf4 *(31...Qxe6 32.Rd8+)* 32.g3 Rxf1+ *(32...Rxe4 33.Rf2±)* 33.Rxf1]
31...g6-+ Black has strong compensation. **32.Rfd1** -2.44/21
[⌓32.Bg4 -1.96/21 Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1]
32...Kg7
[32...gxf5? 33.Rd8+-]
33.Rd8 -3.37/21
[⌓33.Bg4 -2.13/20]
33...Qb5 34.Be6 Qc5+ -1.38/17
[34...Rf6-+ -2.98/19 and Black stays clearly on top. 35.Bg8 *(35.R1d7+? Kh6-+)* 35...Kh6 *(35...Qxb2? 36.R1d7+ Kh6 37.Rxh7+ Kg5 38.h3-+)*]
35.Kh1∓

(Diagram)

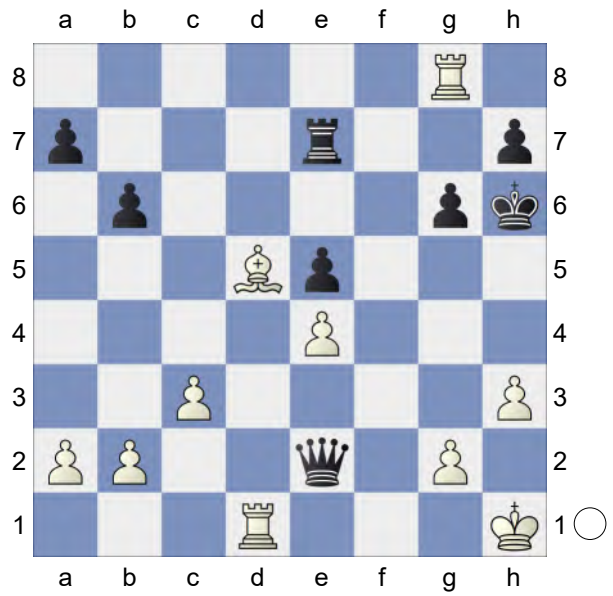


Re7 -0.76/21
[⌓35...Rf4! -1.56/20 ...Qf2! is the strong threat. 36.R8d7+ Kf6]



36.Rg8+ Kh6 37.Bd5 Qf2 Prevents Rf8. **38.h3** -1.44/23
[⌓38.Rc8 -0.99/21]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.48
38...Qe2 -0.84/24
[⌓38...Rc7 -1.44/23 39.a4 Qxb2]

(Diagram)



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117 **A40**
□ **Dubessay,B** **2283**
■ **Martine,J C** **2008**
Titled Tue 30th May Late blitz (5) 30.5.23
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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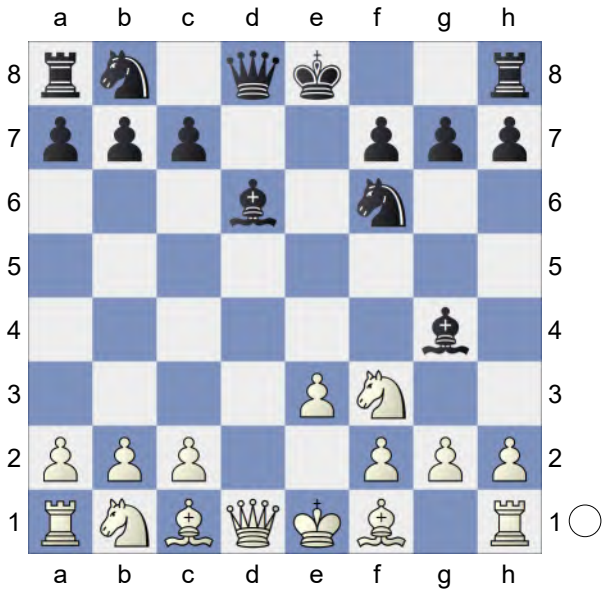
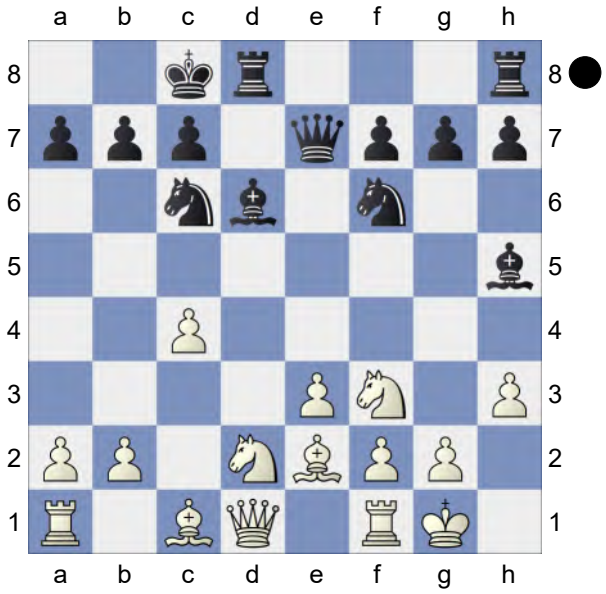
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6**
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
3...Bxd6 4.Nf3 Bg4
[4...Nf6 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Bf5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.c3 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 g5 11.0-0 h5 12.Qa4 h4 13.e4 Bd7 14.e5 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Nf3 Qf6 17.Rad1 hxg3 18.fxg3 Qh6 19.b4 0-1 (39) Herbrig,A (2325)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz 2024 (8)]
5.e3N
[5.h3 Bh5 6.e4 Qe7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0-0 9.a3 Nf6 10.Nc3 h6 11.Qe2 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nd4 Ne5 14.0-0-0 Bxa3 15.bxa3 Qxa3+ 16.Kd2 Qb4 17.Rb1 Nc4+ 18.Bxc4 Nxe4+ 19.Ke1 Qxc3+ ½-½ (39) Rico Quintero,M (1027)-Chekhover,V (1290) BRD 42/243 1986 20.Kf1 Rxd4 21.Bxd4 Qxd4 22.Rd1 Qf6 23.Qe3 Qc6 24.Bd5 Qa6+ 25.Kg2 Nf6 26.Qc3 Re8 27.Bf3 Ne4 28.Rhe1 Qa4 29.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 30.f3 Bc6 31.Rxe8+ Bxe8 32.Re1 Qd7 33.Qe5 Kd8 34.Re2 Qe6 ½-½ (39) Nittschalk,K (1027)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0223 www.desc-online.de 1999]
5...Nf6

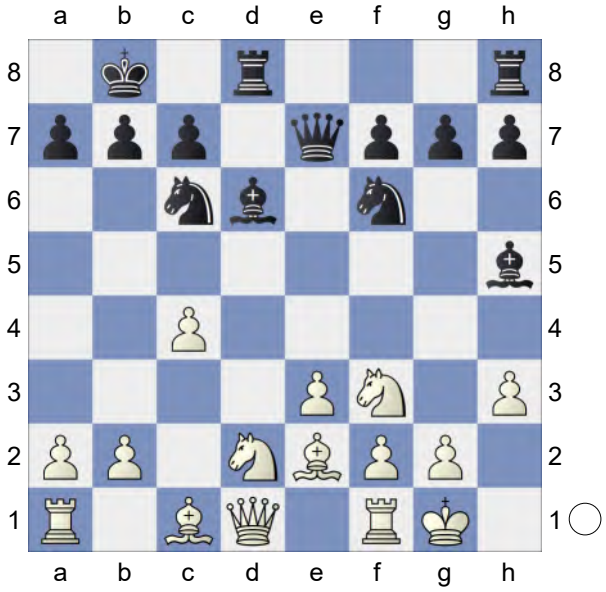


6.h3 Bh5 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 White is better. **8...Qe7 9.c4** -0.51/19
[9.Nc3± 0.59/20]
9...0-0-0∓ Black has compensation.
10.Nbd2 -1.23/19

[10.Qc2!= -0.21/19]

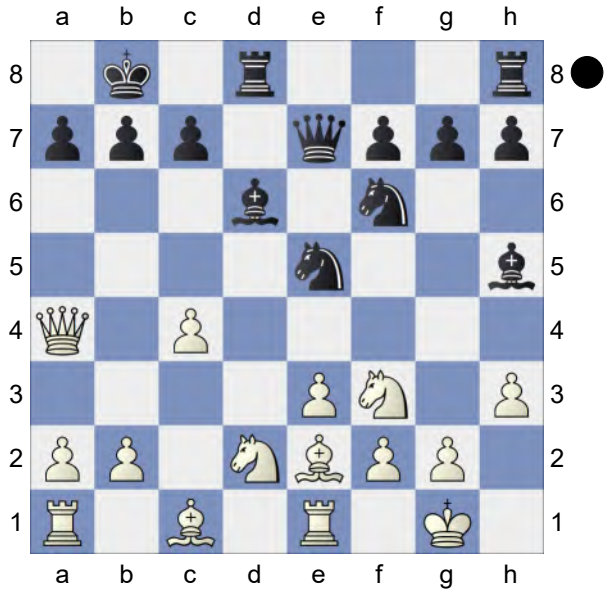


10...Kb8 -0.52/18
[10...Rhg8!∓ -1.23/19]



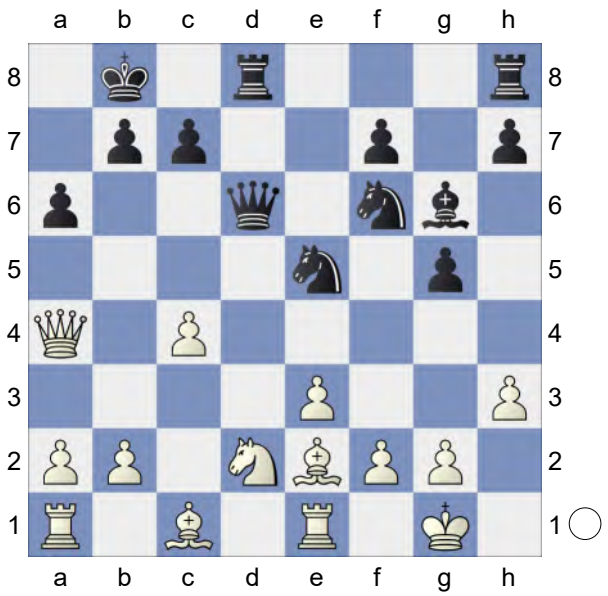
Black has more active pieces. The white rooks are passive. **11.Qa4** -1.02/19
[11.a3∓ -0.52/18]
11...Ne5 -0.24/18
[11...g5∓ -1.02/19 Hoping for ...Rhg8. 12.Nb3 g4 13.hxg4 *(13.c5? gxf3 14.Bxf3 Bxf3-+)* 13...Bxg4 *(13...Nxg4 14.c5=)*]

12.Re1 -0.91/18
[12.b4!= -0.24/18 keeps the balance.]



12...g5 -0.37/19 **13.Nd4** -1.01/18
[Better is 13.c5!∓ -0.37/19 Nxf3+ *(13...Bxc5 14.Nxe5 Bxe2 15.Nc6+ bxc6 16.Rxe2=)* 14.Bxf3 *(14.Nxf3 Bxc5 15.Nxg5 Bb4=)* 14...Bxc5 15.Bxh5 Nxh5 16.Nf3]
13...Bg6 -0.36/18
[Black should play 13...Bxe2∓ -1.01/18 14.Nf5 Qe6]
14.Nb5! **a6↑** White is under pressure.
15.Nxd6 **Qxd6** 0.06/19
[15...Rxd6∓ -0.36/20 16.c5 Rd5]

(Diagram)



This move loses the game for White.

16.Nf3? -1.91/18

[16.Qa3= 0.06/19]

16...Ne4-+ 17.Qa3 -3.25/19

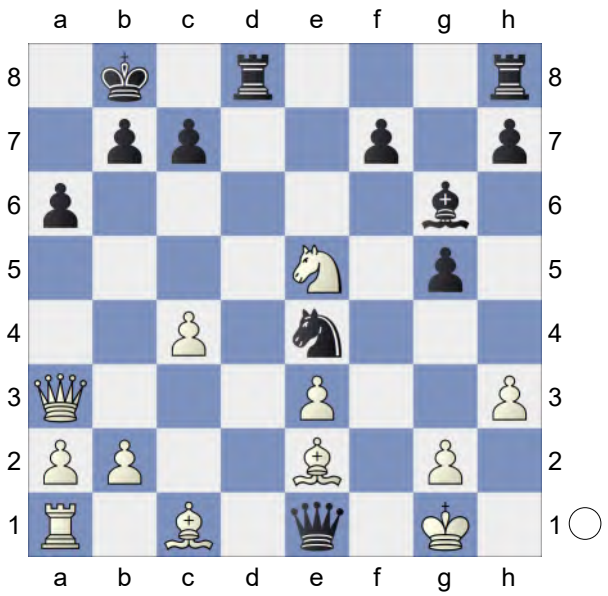
[17.c5 -2.09/18 might work better. Qxc5 *(17...Nxc5 18.Qa5∓)* 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.f4 gxf4 20.Bf3]

17...Qf6 18.Nxe5? -9.87/19

[18.b4 -3.29/18 Nxf3+ Discovered Attack 19.gxf3 Qxa1 20.fxe4]

18...Qxf2+ Black is clearly winning.

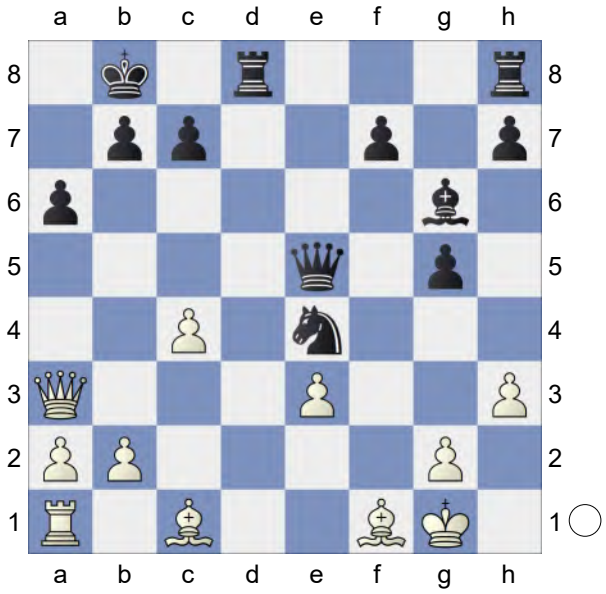
19.Kh2 Qg3+ 20.Kg1 Qxe1+



21.Bf1 Qf2+ 22.Kh2 Qg3+ 23.Kg1

Weighted Error Value: White=1.04/ Black=0.33

23...Qxe5



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118 **A40**

□ **Sv Kaponier Vechta**

■ **Scss Bad Zwischenahn**

Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaf..

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[2...Nc6 3.Nf3 Qe7 4.Bf4 Qb4+ 5.Bd2 Qxb2 6.Nc3 Kd8 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.Rb3 Qe7 9.Bf4 Qe8 10.e3 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Bb5 d6 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.exd4 Kc8 17.Qf3 0-1 (63) Blasovszky,I-Almasi,Z (2340) op Kobanya 1991 (5)]

3.Nc3N

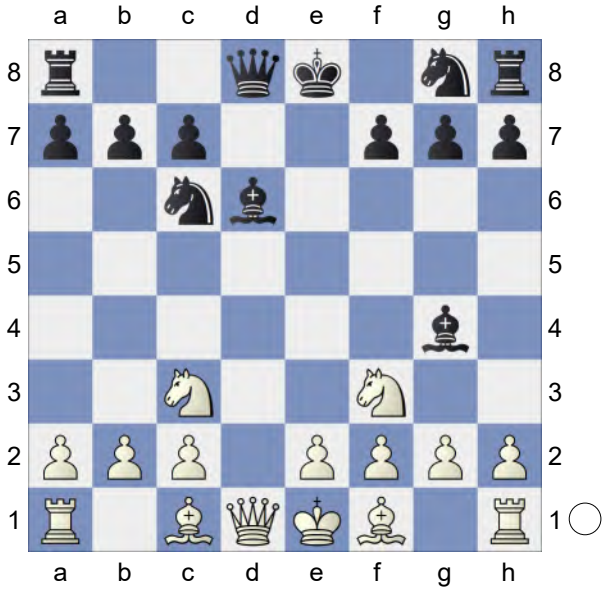
[3.Bf4 Nc6 4.exd6 Qf6 5.Bc1 Bxd6 6.c3 Bf5 7.e3 0-0-0 8.Nd2 Qg6

9.h3 Nf6 10.Ngf3 Rhe8 11.Qa4 Bc2 12.Nb3 Ne4 13.Nh4 Qg3 14.fxg3 Bxg3+ 15.Ke2 Bd1# NN-Charlik #4566 Chess: 5334 Problems, Combination 1903]

[3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bg4 9.Be2 g5 10.Bg3 Bb4 11.Qxd8 Rfxd8 12.Bxc7 Re8 13.Bg3 Nd5 14.0-0-0 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.h4 Rac8 17.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ (54) Genovese,A (1200)-Nisipeanu,L (1200) 73/299 Linares 1998]

[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Bxe7 Ncxe7 6.exd6 cxd6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.e3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 a6 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qf4 Ne5 14.Qb4 Qe7 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rad8 17.Rb6 Rd7 1-0 (21) Kruse,E (1264)-Abromeit,G (1290) E0298 www.desc-online.de 1999]

3...Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.exd6 Bxd6



6.e4 Nge7 1.53/18

[⌓6...Qd7 1.08/21]

7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 White is clearly better.

8...Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2

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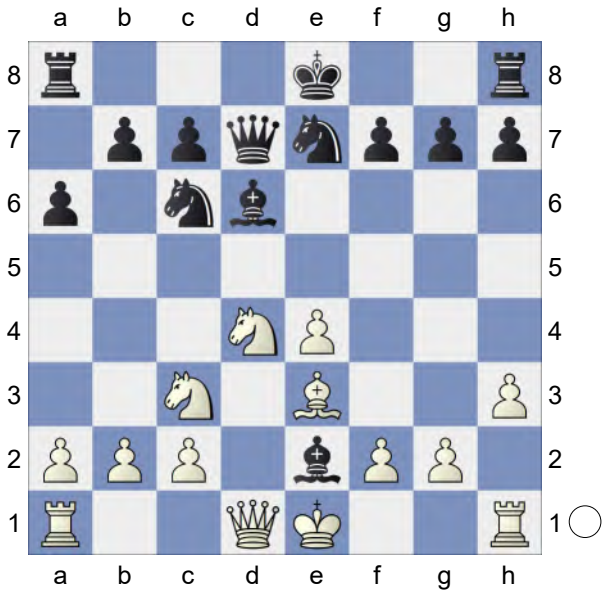


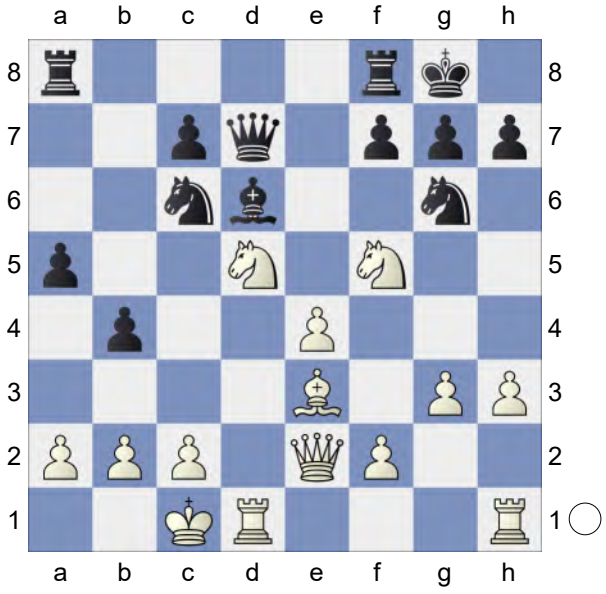
11.Qxe2

[11.Ndxe2?! 0-0-0±]

11...Ng6 2.52/19

[11...Be5± 1.58/21 is a better defense.]

12.0-0-0+- 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5



16.Nxc7! Qxc7 17.Rxd6

[17.Nxd6 a4 18.f4 b3]

17...a4 18.Qc4 Rfc8 19.Bf4 Threatens to win with Rxg6! **19...Qb7 20.Qd5** And now Rd7 would win. **20...b3**

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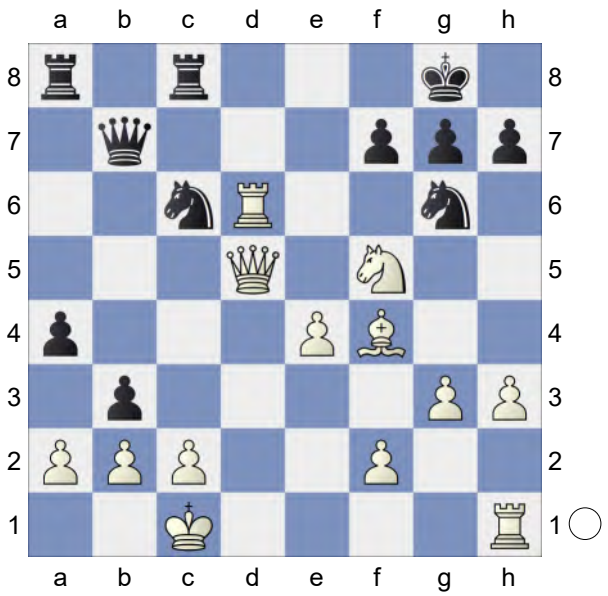
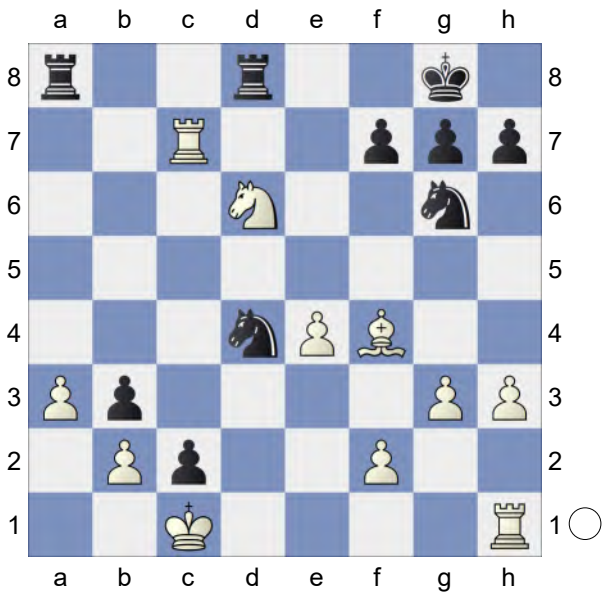
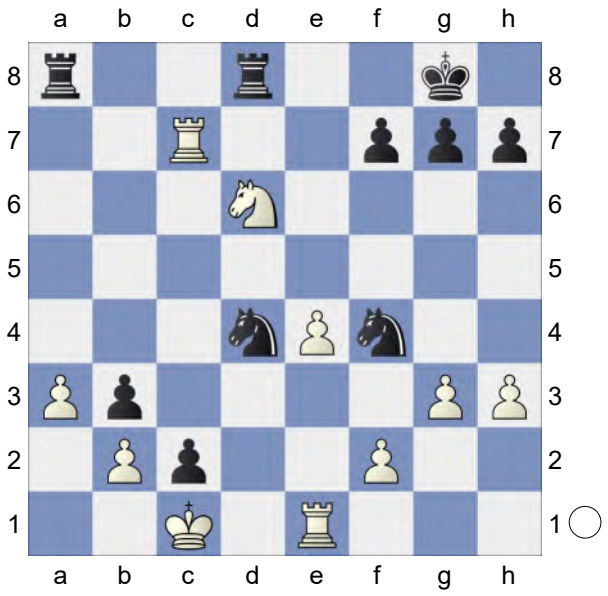


Strongly threatening ...bxa2. **21.a3**
[21.cxb3? perishes. Nce7+ 22.Kd2 Nxd5-+]
[21.Rd7 Qxd7 22.Qxd7 bxa2∓]
21...bxc2 aiming for ...Rab8. Black is weak on the dark squares **22.Rd7 Qb3**
23.Qxb3? -0.43/19
[Weaker is 23.Rxf7 Qxd5 24.Rxg7+ *(24.exd5 Kxf7 25.Nd6+ Kf6=)* 24...Kh8 25.exd5 Nd4 26.Nxd4 Nxf4 27.gxf4 Kxg7±]
[Better is 23.Bc7+- 3.14/21]
23...axb3∓ 24.Nd6? -2.48/23
[24.Bd6= -0.25/21]
24...Rd8? -0.77/20
[24...Nce5-+ -2.48/23 25.Bxe5 Nxe5 26.Nxc8 Nxd7 27.Ne7+ Kf8]
25.Rc7 -5.86/20
[25.Rxd8+∓ -0.77/20 Rxd8 26.Nb7]
25...Nd4

(Diagram)

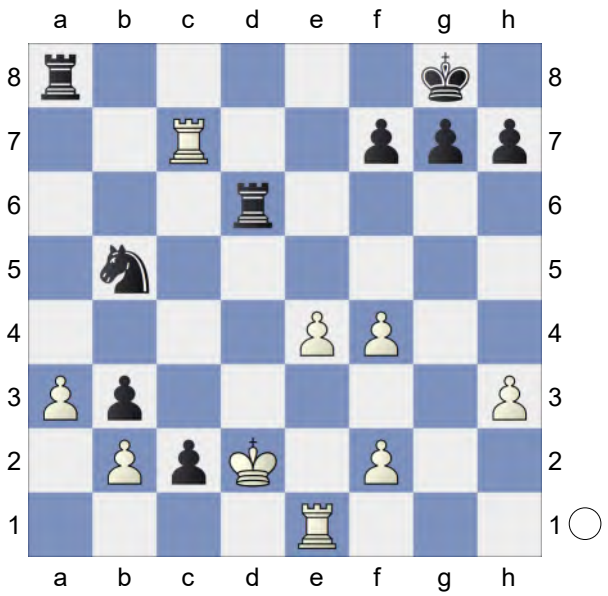


26.Re1? -8.93/22
[26.e5 -3.72/21]
26...Nxf4-+



Remove Defender. Black is clearly winning. **27.gxf4 Rxd6 28.Kd2** Dodges Ne2+ **28...Nb5+**

(Diagram)



Discovered Attack (Check).
Weighted Error Value: White=0.97/ Black=0.51
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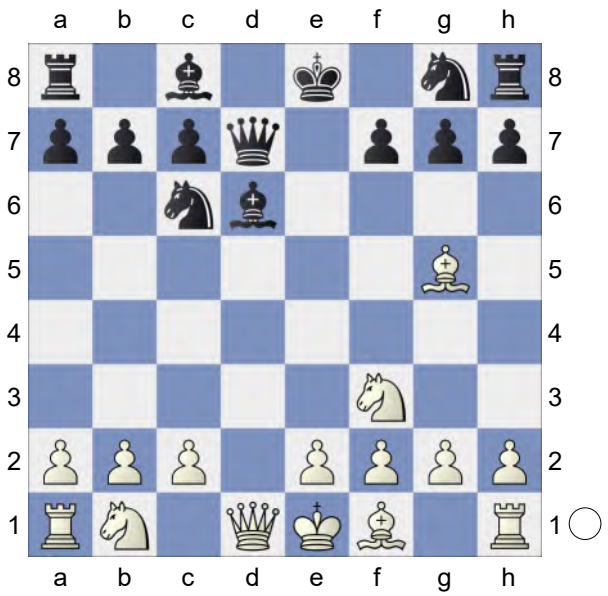
119 **A40**
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2258**
■ **Mikhailovsky,Vladimir** **2228**
Titled Tuesday 20th Oct blitz (7)
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6

(Diagram)



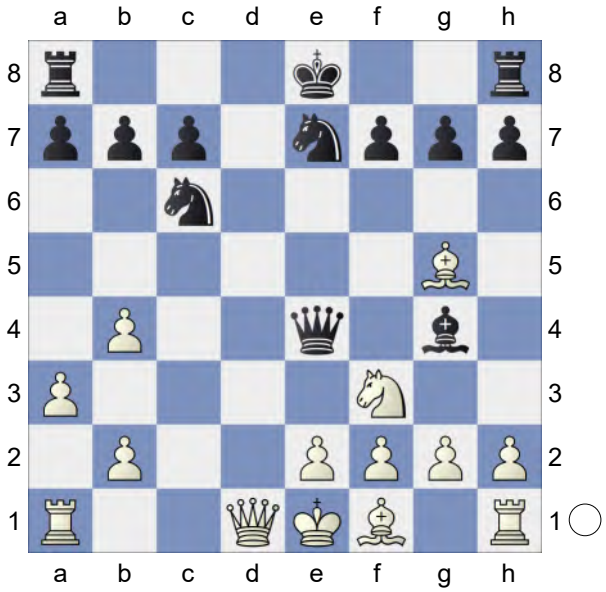
6.Nc3
[6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ng4 20.Bxg4 Bxg4 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
6...Nge7N 1.89/19
[6...h6± 1.48/17 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.Nb5 Nf5 9.Nxd6+ Nxd6 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Qxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Rhe8 15.e3 Ne5 16.f3 f5 17.e4 Re7 18.Re1 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rde8 20.Bd3 Nxd3+ 21.cxd3 Be6 1-0 (69) The Magnificent Bob (2994)-Hoon (2842) Rapid 2024]
[6...f6 7.Bh4 Qf7 *(7...b6 8.Bg3 Bb7 9.Bxd6 cxd6 10.e3 Nge7 11.Bc4 0-0-0 12.Qd2 Ne5 13.Be2 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qc6 16.Qe2 Rhe8 17.0-0-0 d5 18.Qa6+ Kb8 19.Nb5 Rd7 20.Nd4 Qc7 21.Kb1 Ng6 22.f4* 1-0 (55) Cieslak,P (2374)-Baradaran Tamadon,A (2304) Abu Dhabi Masters Online blitz 2024 (4)*)* 8.e3 Bg4 9.Qd5 Be6 10.Qe4 0-0-0

11.Bb5 Nge7 12.0-0-0 Bxa2 13.Nxa2 Qxa2 14.Qa4 Qxa4 15.Bxa4 a6 16.c3 h5 17.Bg3 Bxg3 18.Rxd8+ Nxd8 19.hxg3 g6 20.g4 f5 21.gxh5 1-0 (81) Mrsok (2628)-Elkadi74 (2637) Blitz 2024]

7.Ne4 Bb4+ 8.c3 White is clearly better. **8...Qe6 9.cxb4** 0.91/16

[9.Qc2+- 1.76/18]

9...Qxe4± 10.a3 Bg4



11.h3 0.54/18

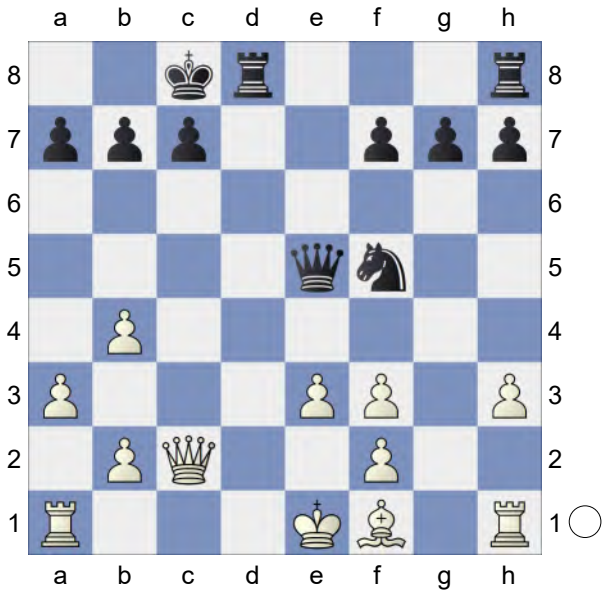
[11.Rc1± 1.08/19]

11...Bxf3!± 12.gxf3 Qe5 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 1.04/21

[13...Kxe7± 0.40/18 14.e3 Qxb2]

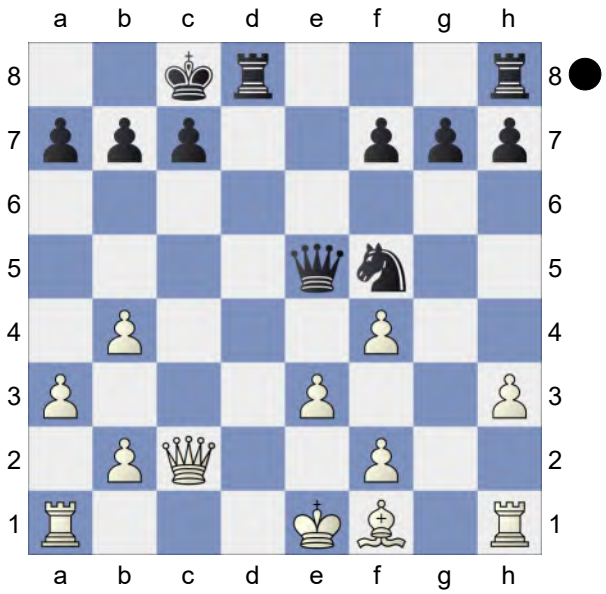
14.Qc2± 0-0-0 15.e3 Nf5

(Diagram)



Hoping for ...Nd4. This move loses the game for White. **16.f4?** -4.31/22

[16.Be2!± 1.02/21]

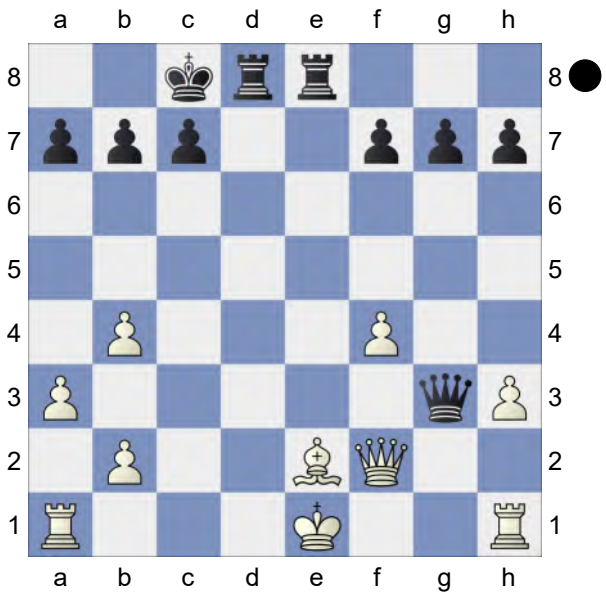


16...Nxe3!-+ 17.fxe3 Qxe3+ 18.Qe2 -#8/17

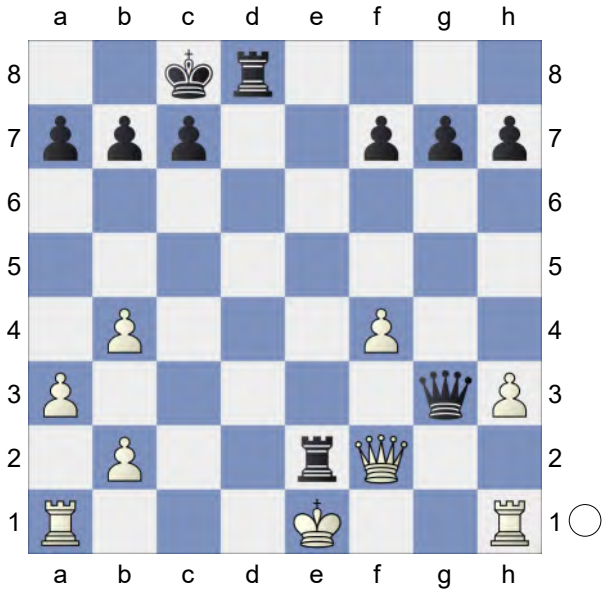
[18.Be2-+ -4.20/20 Qg3+ 19.Kf1]

18...Qg3+ Black mates. **19.Qf2 Rhe8+ 20.Be2**

(Diagram)

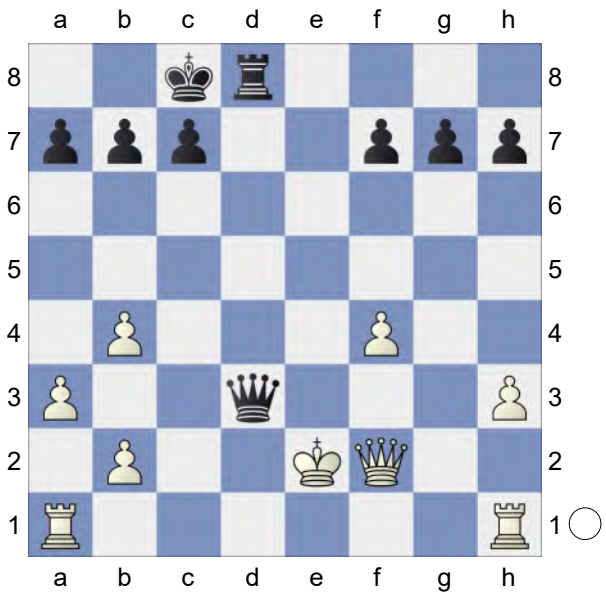


Rxe2+!



Remove Defender **21.Kxe2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/ Black=0.11 (very precise)
21...Qd3+

(Diagram)



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120 **A40**
□ **S2Pac** **2840**
■ **Ermolaev,Andrey** **1496**
Blitz 18.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bf4
[4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]
4...Bg4N
[4...f6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 Ne5 7.e4 Be6 8.Nd4 Bd7 9.Qd2 Qb6 10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 N7c6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.h4 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qxd6 Qe8 17.h6 g6 18.Nc5 Rd8 19.Nxb7 1-0 (22) Woodward,A (2530)-Shearsby,J (2249) Titled Tue 17th Dec Late blitz

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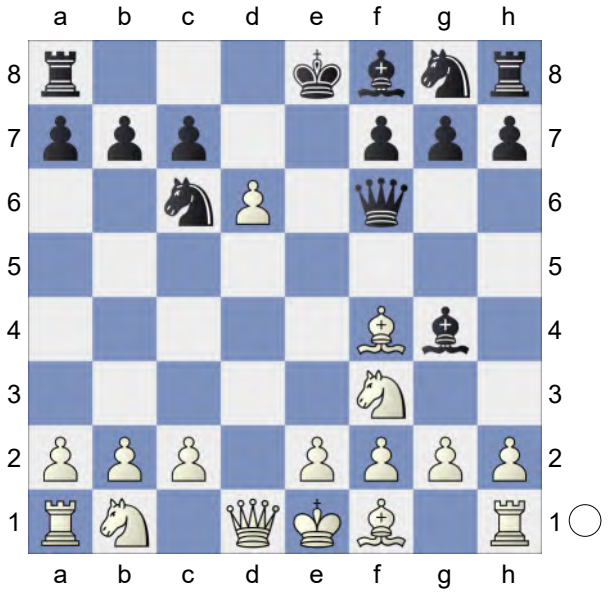
5.exd6 Qf6



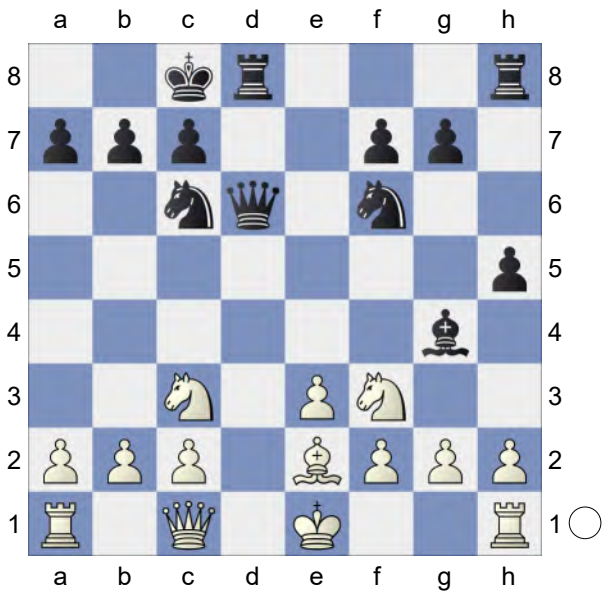
6.Qc1 Bxd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Nc3 -0.33/18

[8.Qd2± 0.84/19]

8...0-0-0∓ 9.e3 Nf6 0.19/18

[9...Bxf3∓ -0.55/21 10.gxf3 Qg6]

10.Be2= h5



11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Ne5 0.45/20

[12...g5= 0.01/21 was preferable.]

13.Be2↑ White fights for an advantage.

13...g5 14.e4! g4 1.18/19

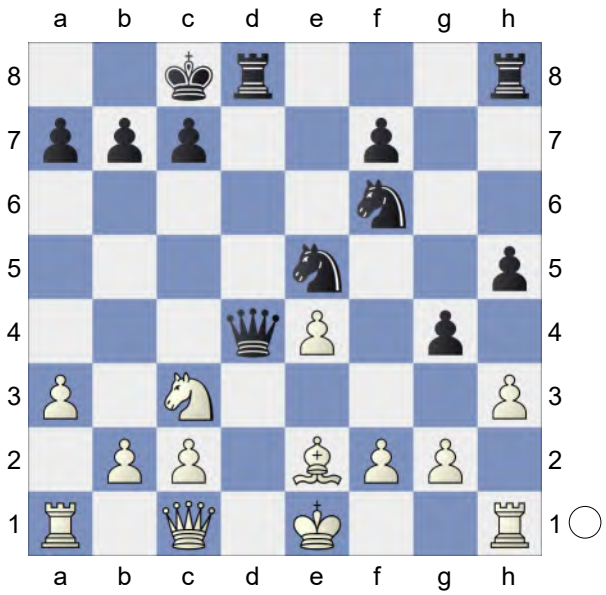
[14...Qc5!± 0.45/20]

15.a3 0.39/20

[15.Qe3± 1.18/19]

15...Qd4 1.18/19

[Black should try 15...Qb6± 0.39/20]



16.Qf4 Ng6 17.Qf5+ Kb8 and ...Nh4 would now be decisive **18.Rd1 Qb6**

19.Qb5 0.46/21

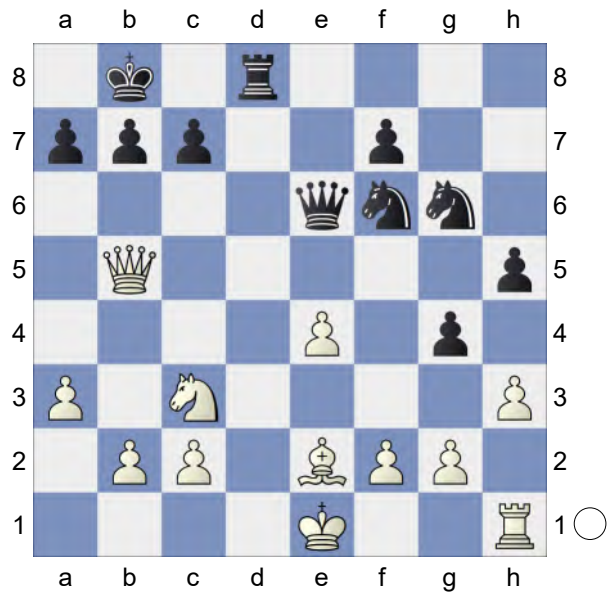
[19.hxg4± 1.44/20 hxg4 20.Rxh8 Rxh8 21.g3 *(21.Bxg4 Nxg4 22.Qxg4 Qxb2∓)*]

19...Qe6 1.27/20

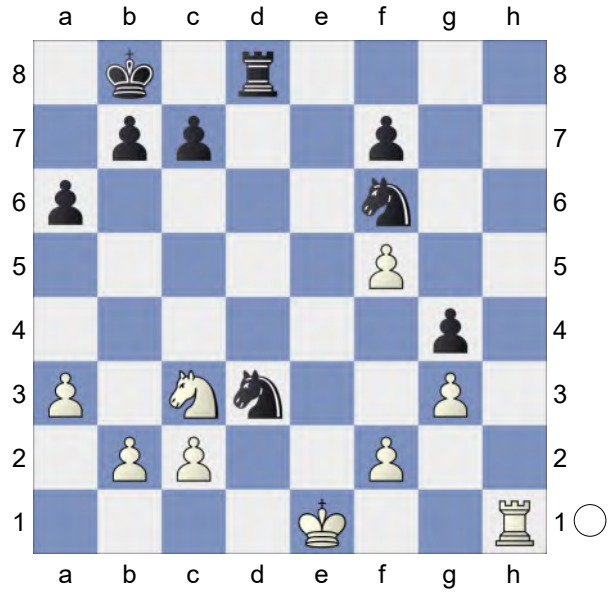
[19...Rxd1+± 0.46/21 20.Bxd1 Qxb5 21.Nxb5 gxh3 22.Rxh3 Nxe4 *(22...Nf4? 23.Rf3+-)*]

20.Rxd8+ Rxd8

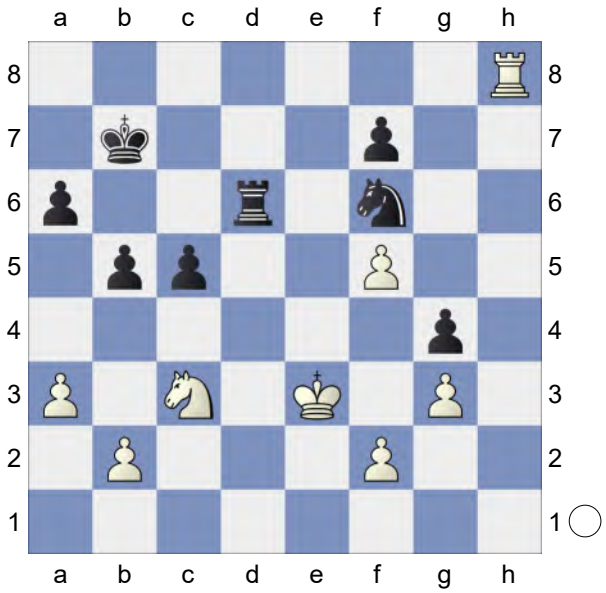
(Diagram)



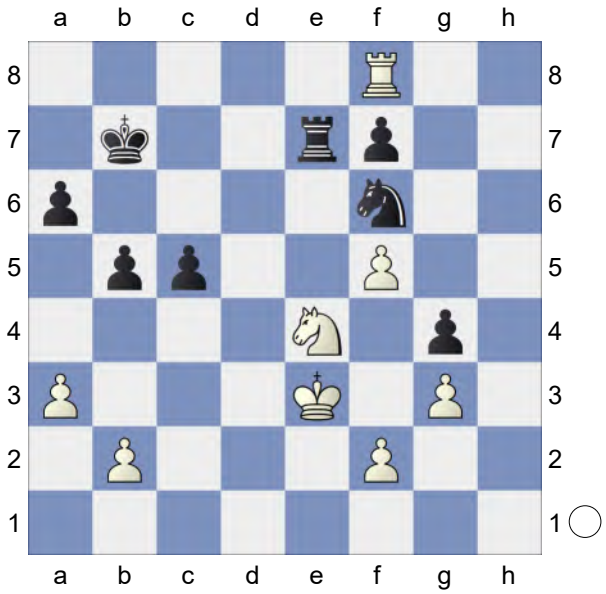
21.hxg4 hxg4 22.Bd3 0.51/18
[22.Qf5± 0.93/21 Qd6 23.g3 *(23.Bxg4 Qd2+ 24.Kf1 Qc1+* Skewer *25.Ke2 Qxc2+ 26.Ke1 Qd2+ 27.Kf1 Qc1+* Skewer *28.Ke2 Qxb2+ 29.Kf1 Qc1+* Skewer *30.Nd1 Rxd1+ 31.Ke2 Rd2+ 32.Kf3 Qxa3#)*]
22...Nf4 1.53/22
[22...g3± 0.51/18]
23.g3 0.84/18
[⌓23.Qg5! 1.53/22 Nxd3+ *(23...Nxg2+? 24.Kf1+-)* 24.cxd3]
23...a6± 24.Qf5 Qxf5 25.exf5 Nxd3+



26.cxd3 Rxd3 Endgame KRN-KRN
27.Rh6 0.51/21
[27.Rh8+± 1.08/25 Ka7 28.Ke2]
27...Rd6 28.Ke2 0.01/22
[28.Rh8+!± 0.64/22 Ka7 29.Ke2]
28...b5 29.Rh8+ Kb7 30.Ke3 0.00/22
[Better is 30.b4!± 0.51/21]
30...c5=

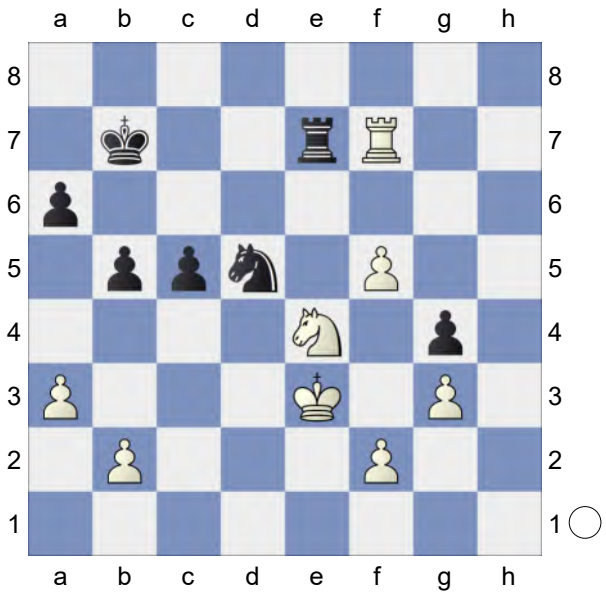


31.Rf8 Rd7 32.Ne4 Re7 1.08/25
[32...Nxe4!= -0.13/20 33.Kxe4 c4]



33.Rxf7!± Decoy **33...Nd5+** 2.55/24
[33...Rxf7± 1.08/25 34.Nd6+

(34.Nxc5+? Kc6-+) 34...Kc6 35.Nxf7 Kd5]



34.Kd3? 0.76/21

[34.Ke2!+- 2.55/24 is the precise move to win. And now Rxe7+ would win. Rxf7 35.Nd6+ *(35.Nxc5+? Kb6-+)* 35...Kc7 36.Nxf7]

34...Rxf7

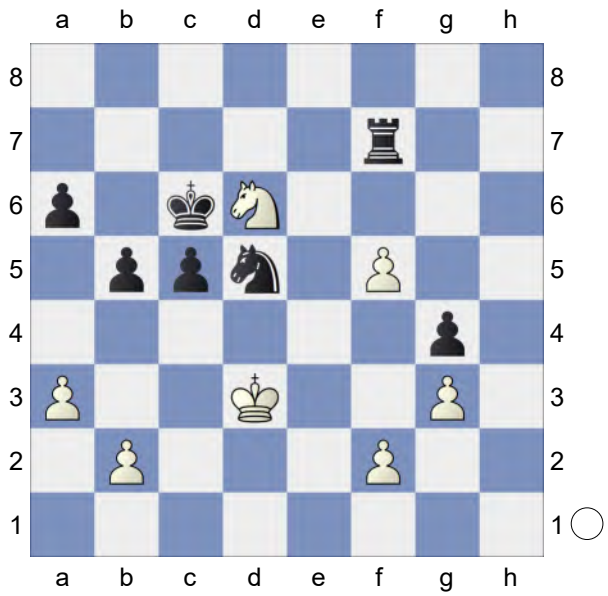
[34...c4+ 35.Kd4 Rxf7 36.Nd6+ *(36.Kxd5? Rxf5+ 37.Kd4 Rf3-+)* 36...Kc7 37.Nxf7+-]

35.Nd6+

[35.Nxc5+? is the wrong capture. Kb6 36.Ne6 Rxf5-+]

35...Kc6

(Diagram)



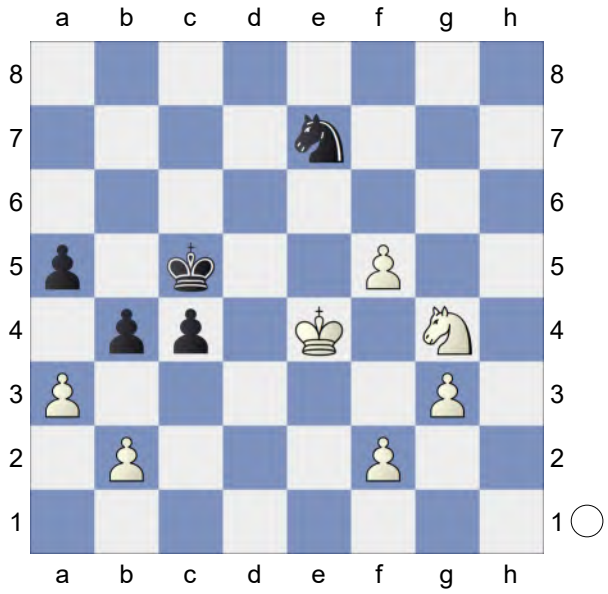
36.Nxf7 KN-KN. White is a pawn up.

36...c4+? 5.29/22

[36...Nf6± 0.61/18]

37.Kd4+- White is clearly winning.

37...Ne7 38.Ke4 a5 39.Ne5+ Kc5 40.Nxg4 b4



41.axb4+ axb4 42.Ne3 c3 43.b3 Ng8 44.g4 Nf6+ 45.Kd3 Kd6

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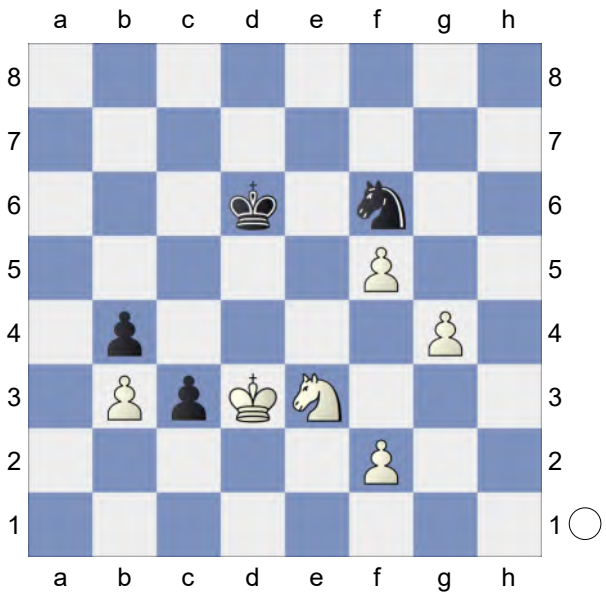
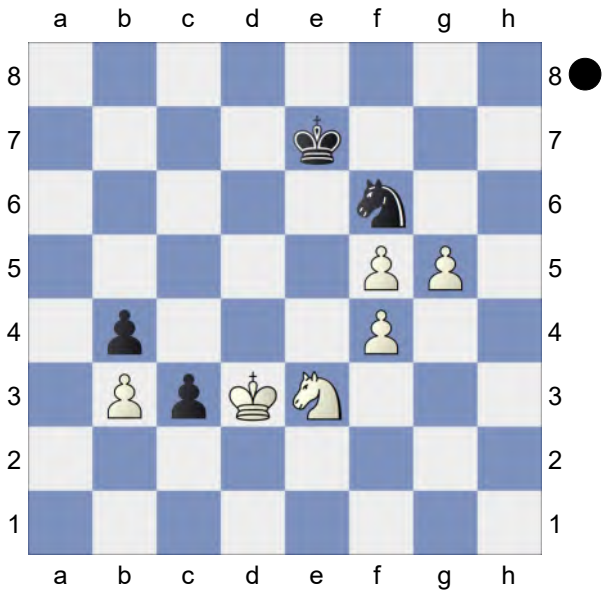


46.f4 Ke7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.59

47.g5



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121 **A40**

□ **Koch,Hans Georg** **2336**

■ **Baroin,Bernard** **2204**

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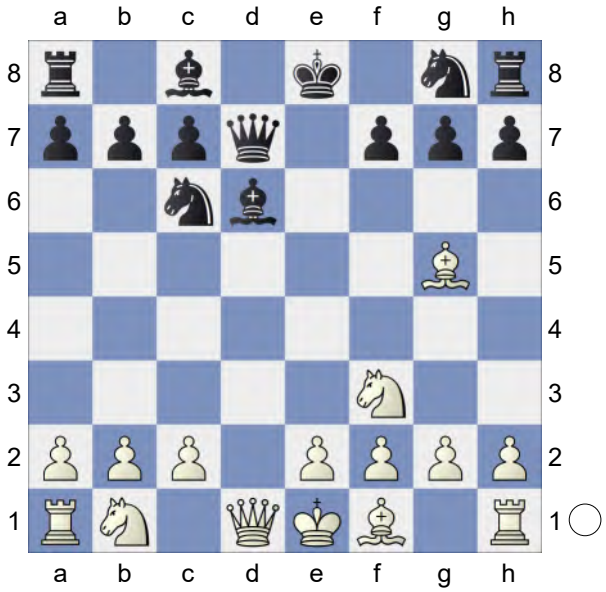
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6



6.Nbd2N 0.86/21

[⌓6.Nc3 1.49/17 h6 *(6...f6 7.Bh4 Qf7 8.e3 Bg4 9.Qd5 Be6 10.Qe4 0-0-0 11.Bb5 Nge7 12.0-0-0 Bxa2 13.Nxa2 Qxa2 14.Qa4 Qxa4 15.Bxa4 a6 16.c3 h5 17.Bg3 Bxg3 18.Rxd8+ Nxd8 19.hxg3 g6 20.g4 f5 21.gxh5* 1-0 (81) Mrsok (2628)-Elkadi74 (2637) Blitz 2024*)* 7.Bh4 Nge7 8.Nb5 Nf5 9.Nxd6+ Nxd6 10.Bg3 Ne4 11.Qxd7+ Bxd7 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.Nd2 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Rhe8 15.e3 Ne5 16.f3 f5 17.e4 Re7 18.Re1 fxe4 19.Nxe4 Rde8 20.Bd3 Nxd3+ 21.cxd3 1-0 (69) The Magnificent Bob (2994)-Hoon (2842) Rapid 2024]

[6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5

9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ng4 20.Bxg4 Bxg4 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

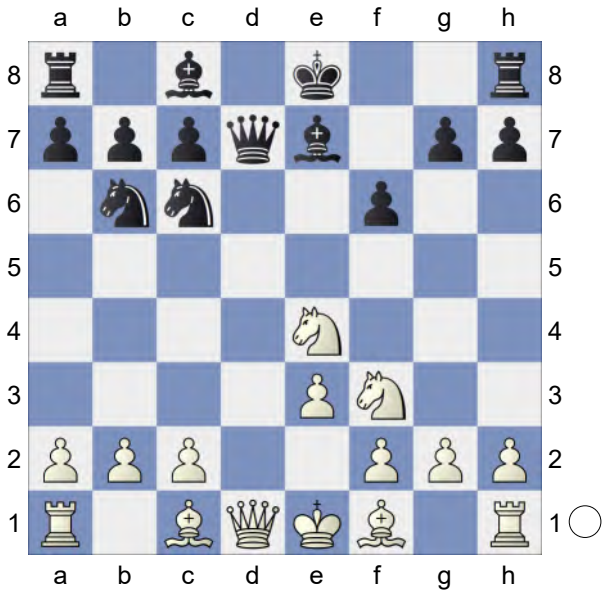
6...f6 1.32/20

[⌓6...h6 0.86/21]

7.Be3± Nge7 8.Ne4 White is clearly better. **8...Nd5 9.Bc1**

[9.Qxd5? Bb4+-+]

9...Be7 10.e3 Nb6



11.Qxd7+ Bxd7 12.a3 Dodges Nb4 **12...f5 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Bb5 0-0-0 15.b3** 0.65/21

[Better is 15.Bd2± 1.23/19]

15...Bf6

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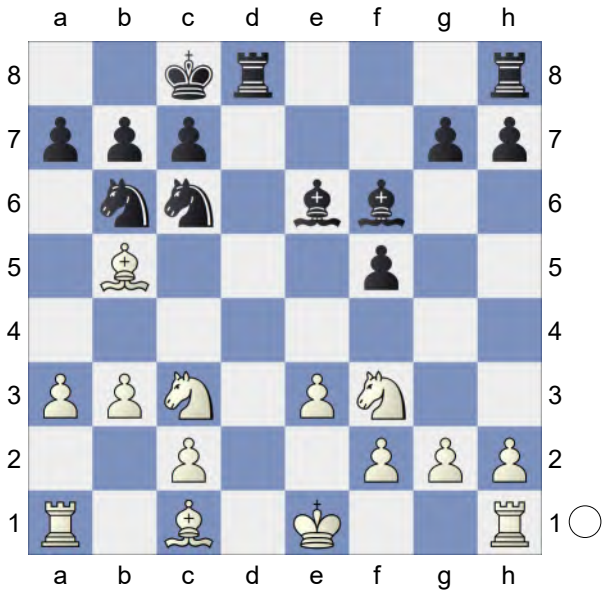
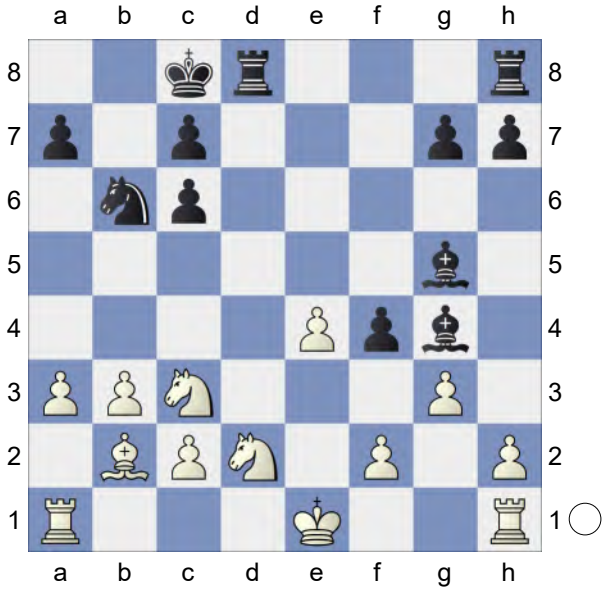


16.Bb2 f4 17.e4

[17.exf4 Nd5 18.Na4 Nxf4 19.Bxc6 Bxb2 20.Nxb2 Nxg2+ 21.Kf1 Nf4=]

17...Bg4 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Nd2 Bh4 20.g3 Bg5



and ...fxg3 should not be overlooked

21.Ncb1! Rhe8 (-> ...Rxe4+!) **22.f3 Bh3 23.Bxg7**

[23.Ke2 seems wilder. g6 24.a4 h5 25.a5]

23...Rd7! 24.Bb2 Nd5! 25.Ke2 Ne3

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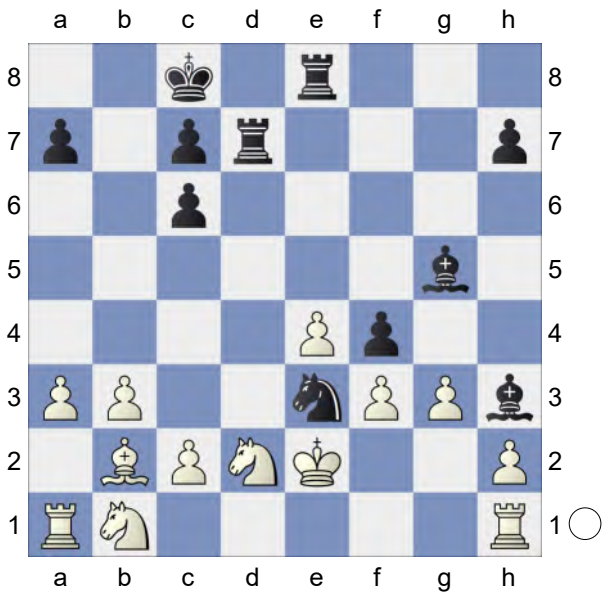
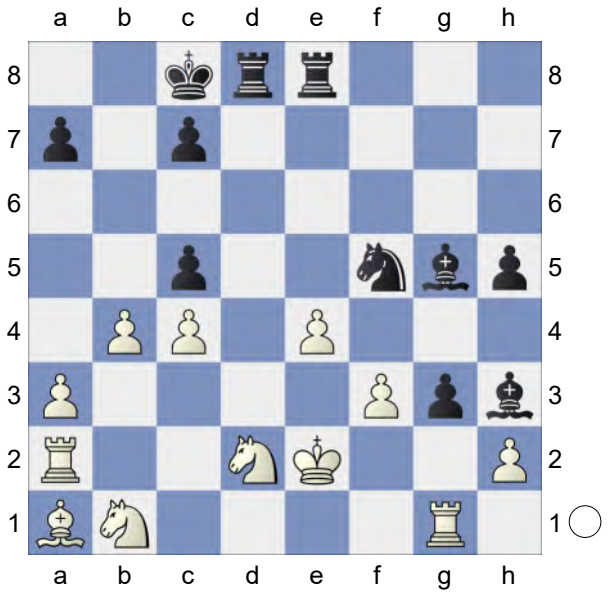
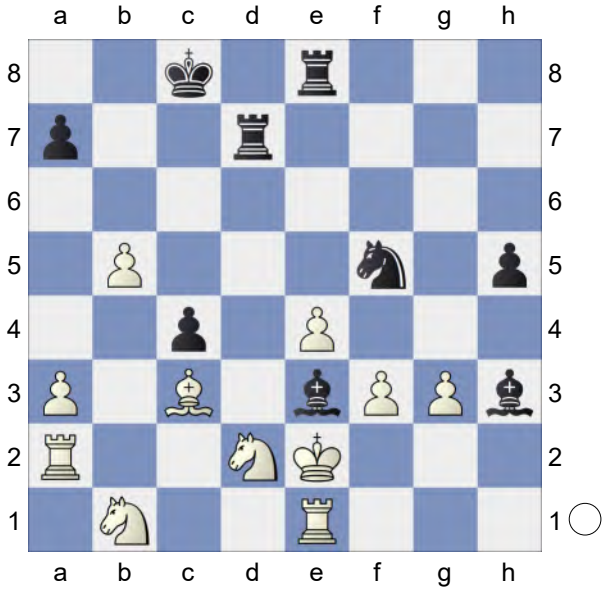


26.Ra2 h5
[26...Nxc2 27.Be5±]
27.Rg1 c5
[27...Nxc2 28.Be5 Nd4+ 29.Bxd4 Rxd4 30.Rc2±]
28.Ba1 Rdd8 29.c4 0.00/22
[29.Bc3± 0.44/18]
29...Nf5!= 30.b4 fxg3!
[30...cxb4?! 31.axb4 fxg3 32.hxg3± *(32.Rxa7? gxh2 33.Rxg5 Kb8-+)*]

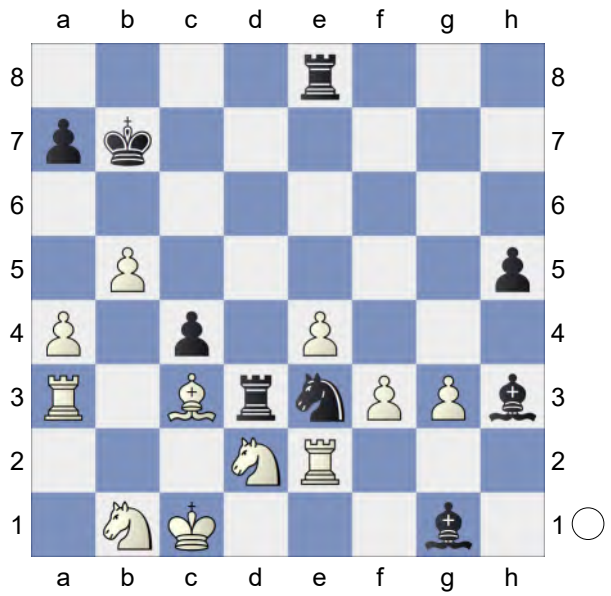


31.hxg3 Be3 32.Re1 c6 0.39/22
[32...Bg5!= 0.00/18 33.Kf2 *(33.bxc5 Nxg3+ 34.Kf2 Bh4∓)* 33...h4]
33.Bc3 Rd7 0.55/22 **34.b5**
[34.Nb3 Rxe4 35.fxe4 Bg4+ 36.Kf1 Bh3+ 37.Ke2 Bg4+ 38.Kf1 Bh3+ 39.Ke2=]
34...cxb5 35.cxb5 c4

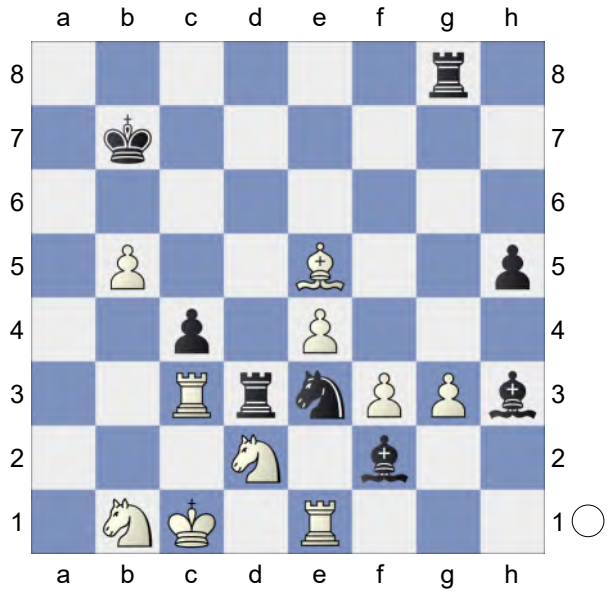


36.Kd1! Bf2 A strong pair of Bishops.
37.Re2! Ne3+ 38.Kc1 Bg1 0.54/19
[38...h4!= 0.18/21 39.gxh4 *(39.Rxf2 hxg3 40.Re2 g2=)* 39...Rg8]
39.a4± Kb7 40.Ra3 0.30/20
[40.a5!± 0.93/17]
40...Rd3 0.70/20
[40...Ka8!= 0.30/20]

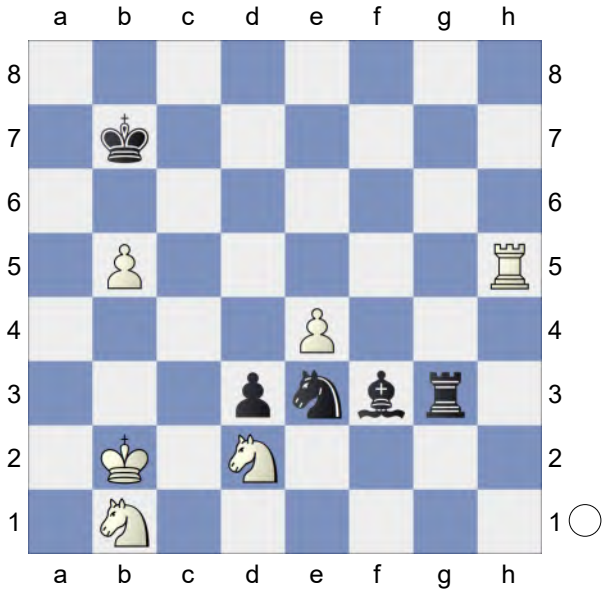
(Diagram)



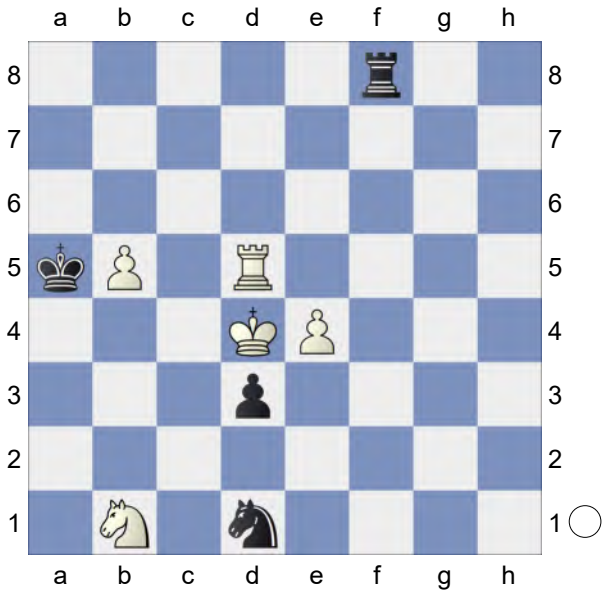
41.Bf6 Rc8 42.Rc3 a6 43.Be5 0.54/18
[43.bxa6+± 0.93/18 Ka8 44.Be7 *(44.Bg5 Nf1±)*]
43...axb5 44.axb5 Rg8 1.13/19
[44...Rc5± 0.64/18 is superior.]
45.Re1
[45.Nxc4 Rxc3+ 46.Nxc3 Nxc4-+]
45...Bf2



46.Rh1 Bxg3 47.Bxg3
[47.Nxc4? Nxc4 48.Rxd3 *(48.Rxc4? Bxe5 49.Rxh3 Rg2-+)* 48...Nxe5-+]
[47.Rxd3 simplifies cxd3 48.Bxg3 Rxg3 49.Kb2]
47...Rxg3 48.Rxd3
[48.Nxc4? Rxc3+ 49.Nxc3 Nxc4-+]
48...cxd3 49.Kb2 Bg2 50.Rxh5 Bxf3



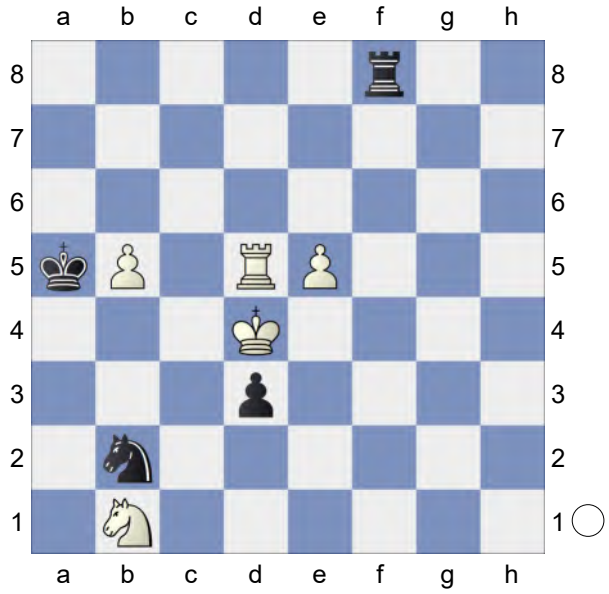
51.Nxf3 Rxf3± Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **52.Kc3** Repels Nc4
52...Kb6! 53.Rg5
[53.Kxd3?! Nf5+ 54.Kd2 Ng3=]
53...Nd1+! 54.Kd4 Rf8 55.Rd5 Ka5 1.22/20
[55...Rc8!= 0.14/22 keeps the balance.]



56.e5!

[Of course not 56.Kxd3?! Kb4=]

56...Nb2

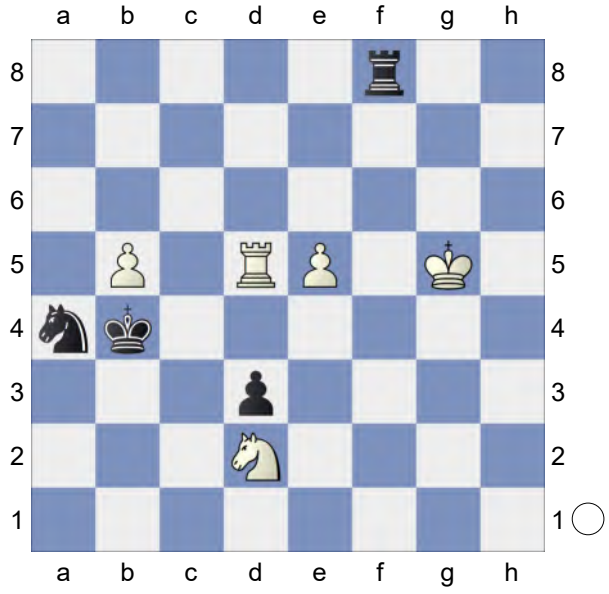


57.Nd2 0.15/19

[57.e6!± 1.30/21]

57...Re8= 58.Ke3 Kb4 59.Kf4 Rf8+ 60.Kg5 and e6 should not be overlooked

60...Na4!



61.Rxd3 Nc5 Wards off Ne4 **62.Rd5 Rb8**

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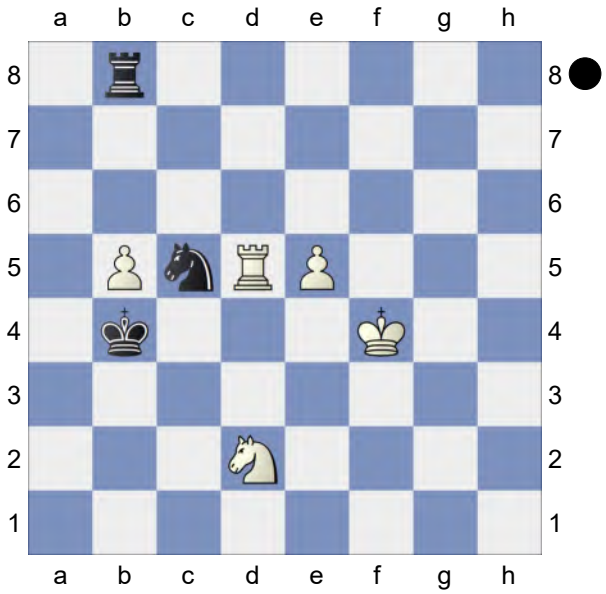
63.Kf4

(Diagram)



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122 **A40**

□ **Dessaules,Peter** **2310**

■ **Nicholls,Mervyn C** **2202**

Veterans World Cup4 Gr05 01.09.2011

[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4

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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 Bg4**

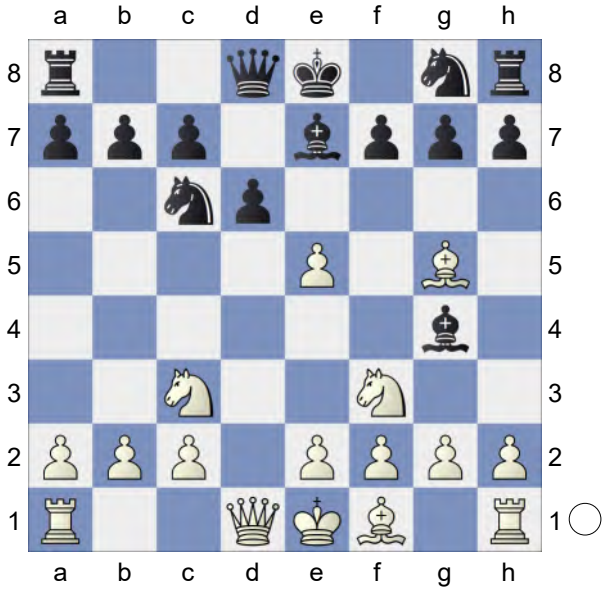
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 Bxf4 8.Qxf4 Qf5 9.Qa4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.e3 a6 13.Be2 Kb8 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.exf4 Be6 16.Rhe1 Rhe8 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ne5 1-0 (44) Leelamultiposs (3244)-Hoon (2916) Blitz 2024]

4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Bg5 Be7N 1.98/20

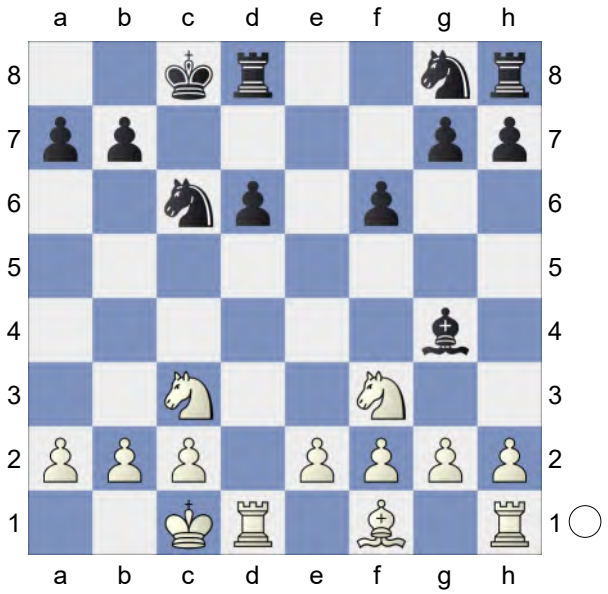
[5...Qc8± 1.48/19]

[5...Qd7 6.e3 dxe5 7.Qxd7+ Bxd7 8.h3 f6 9.Bh4 0-0-0 10.0-0-0 Nge7 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Ng6

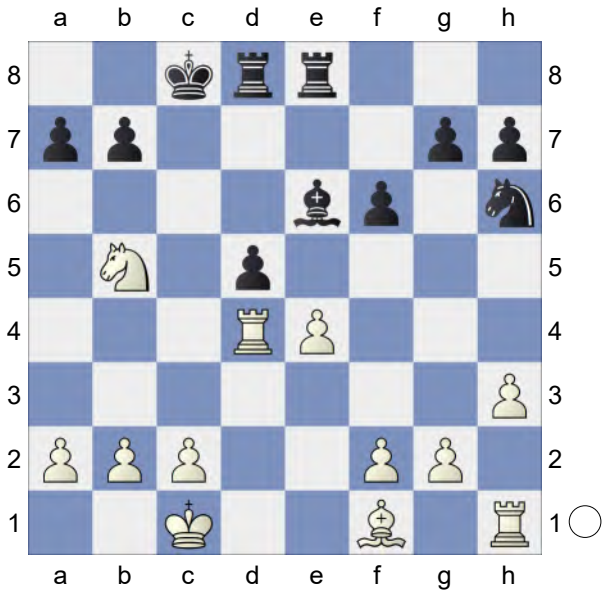
14.Bg3 Bxg4 15.Rxd8+ Nxd8 16.Nd2 Bb4 17.Bd3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rh6 19.f4 exf4 20.exf4 0-1 (34) Diablodiablodiablo (2623) - Titanshahmat2003 (2671) Blitz 2024]



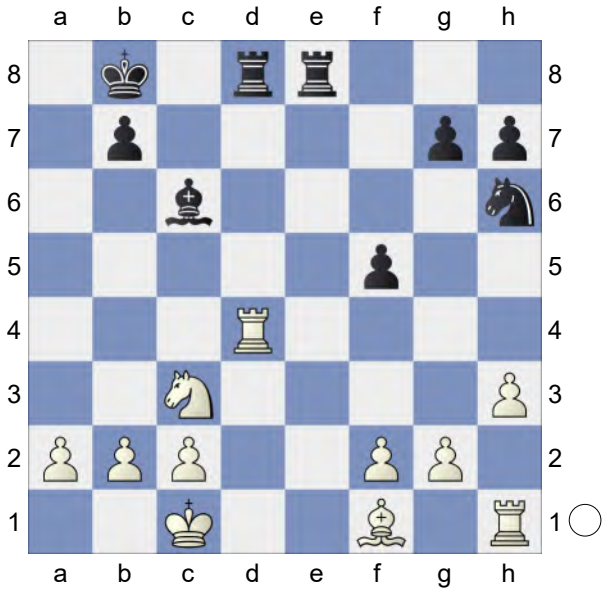
6.Bf4+- f6 2.72/17
[6...Bh5 1.92/18 keeps fighting. 7.h3 g5]
7.exd6 Bxd6 8.Bxd6 White has a decisive advantage. **8...Qxd6 9.Qxd6 cxd6 10.0-0-0 0-0-0**



11.Nd4 Nh6 12.h3 Nxd4 13.Rxd4 Be6 14.e4 Rhe8 15.Nb5 d5



16.Nxa7+ Kb8 17.Nb5 dxe4 18.Rxe4 f5 19.Rd4 Bd5 20.Nc3 Bc6



21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 Black got outplayed after the opening.
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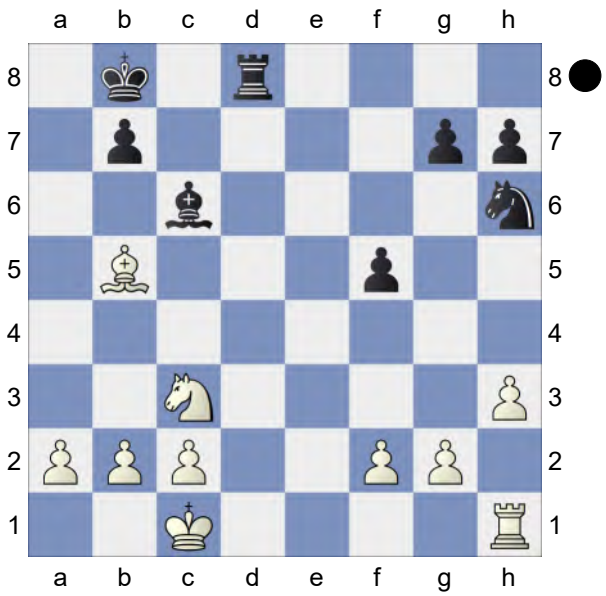
22.Bb5

(Diagram)



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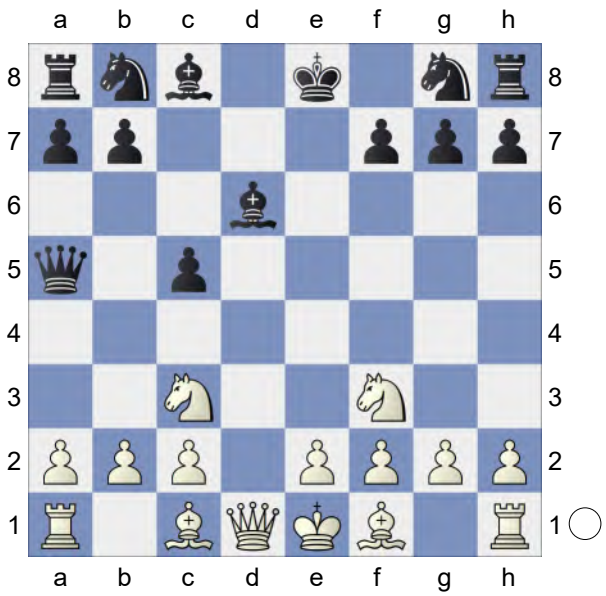
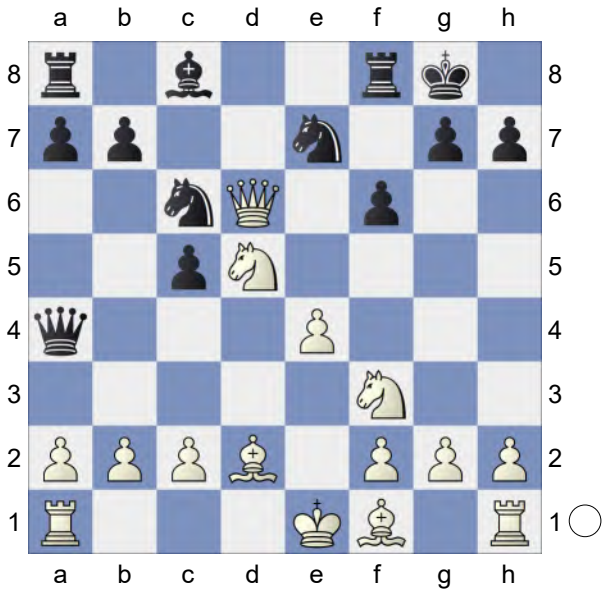
123 **A40**
□ **Zedtler,Uwe**
■ **Kausche,Gunnar**
DESC E0019 Germany Email 08.06.1998
[TA]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5± Opening = A40 - 1.d4 ---
[1...d5!?= ist zu beachten]
2.dxe5 d6 3.Nf3 c5
[3...Nc6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Nc3±]
4.Nc3 Weiss erhaelt Koenigsangriff
4...Qa5+-
[4...Nc6!?±]
5.exd6 Bxd6?? 5.22/16
[5...Nf6+-]
[⌓5...Nc6 3.69/18 6.e4 Be6]

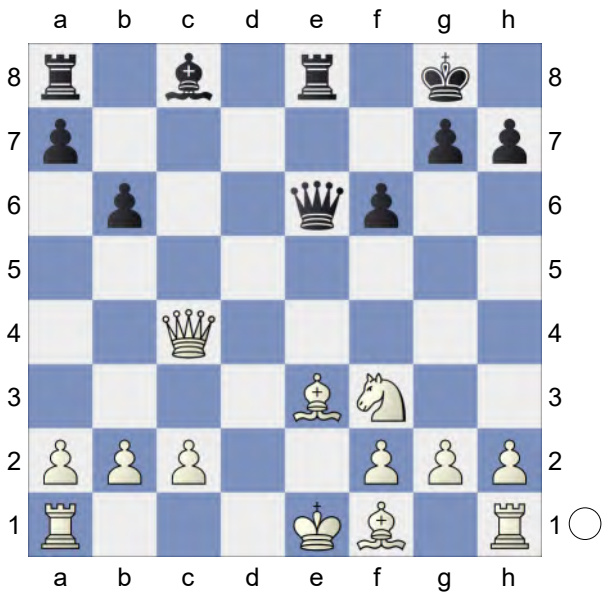
(Diagram)



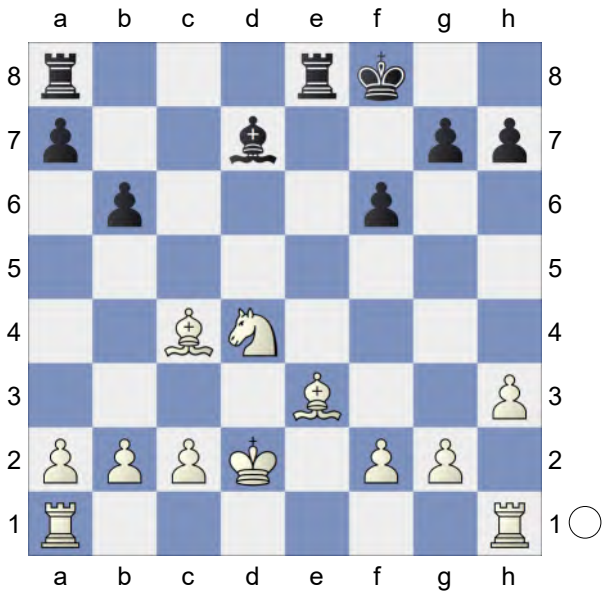
damit ist die Partie vorbei. **6.Qxd6+- Ne7 7.e4 Nbc6 8.Bg5** White is clearly winning. **8...f6 9.Bd2 0-0 10.Nd5 Qa4**
[10...Qd8 aendert den traurigen Lauf der Dinge nicht 11.Qxc5 Bg4 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Qxe7 Nxe7 14.Bc4+ Kh8 15.Rd1+-]



11.Nxe7+ Nxe7 12.Qxe7 Re8 13.Qxc5 Qxe4+ 14.Be3 b6 15.Qc4+ Qe6
[15...Kh8 aendert nichts am Ausgang der Partie 16.Qxe4 Rxe4 17.Bb5+-]



16.Nd4 Qf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Bc4+ Kf8 19.Kd2 Bg4 20.h3 Bd7



21.Bf4

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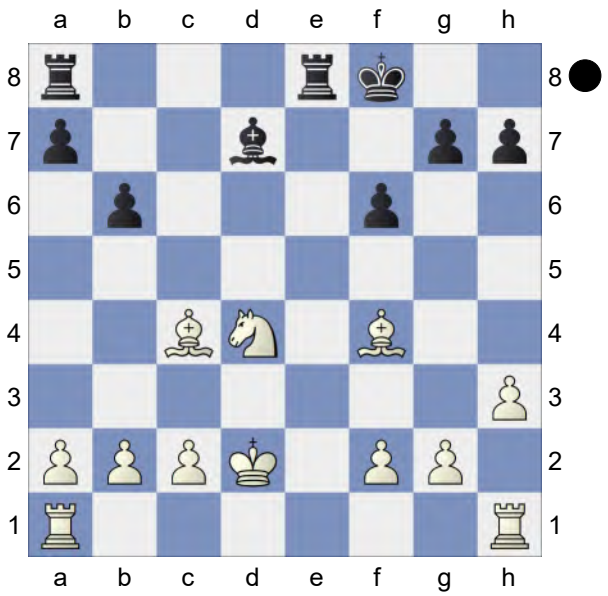
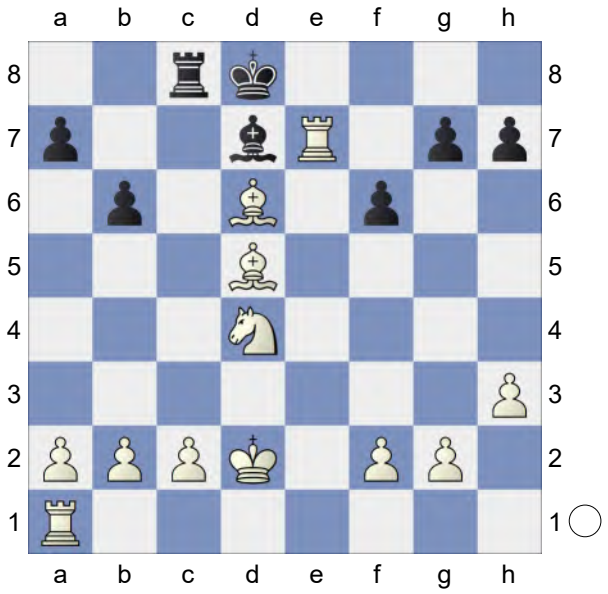


Bd6+ would now be deadly. **21...Rad8**
[21...g5 ist der letzte Strohhalm 22.Bd6+ Kg7+-]
22.Bd6+ Re7 23.Rhe1
Mit der Mattdrohung Txe7 **23...Rc8**
24.Bd5! huebsch **24...Ke8 25.Rxe7+**
White mates. **25...Kd8N**



26.Rae1 g6 27.Rxh7 Rxc2+ 28.Nxc2 Bb5 29.Ree7 a6 30.Rh8+ Be8

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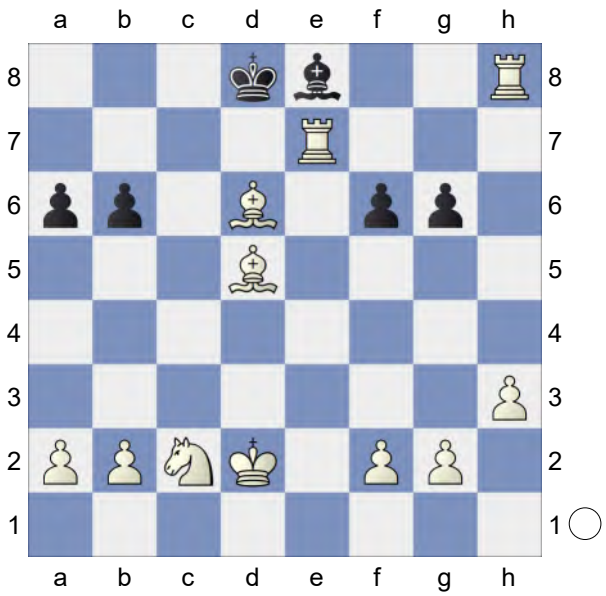

Black got outplayed after the opening.
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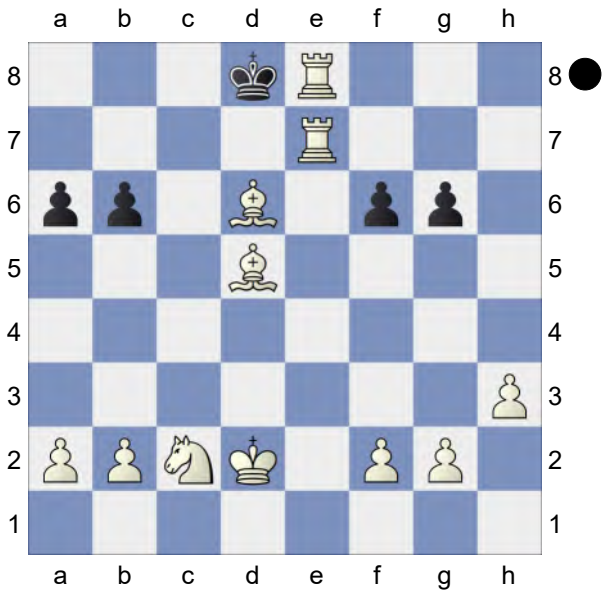
31.Rhxe8#



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124 **A40**
□ **Malm,Art**
■ **Cherner,Lyle**
IECC Trio theme 90 email 1997
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
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E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Bf4**
[3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 f6 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 Be6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.c4 0-0-0 10.Nc3 Kb8 11.Nd4 Ne5 12.Nxe6 Qxe6 13.Nd5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Nxf6 Qxf6 17.h3 g5 1-0 (68) Ripsockeye (3006)-Raspfish (3002) Blitz 2024]
[3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.e4 Nge7 7.Be2 Qd7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 a6 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Ng6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.g3 b5 14.Nf5 b4 15.Nd5 a5 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rxd6 a4 0-1 (28) Sv Kaponier Vechta-Scss Bad Zwischenahn Niedersächsische Landesblitzmannschaft 2024 (18)]
3...dxe5N
[3...Nc6 4.exd6 Qf6 5.Bc1 Bxd6 6.c3 Bf5 7.e3 0-0-0 8.Nd2 Qg6 9.h3 Nf6 10.Ngf3 Rhe8 11.Qa4 Bc2 12.Nb3 Ne4 13.Nh4 Qg3 14.fxg3 Bxg3+ 15.Ke2 Bd1# N,N-Charlik #4566 Chess: 5334 Problems, Combination 1903]
4.Qxd8+ Kxd8 5.Bxe5 Nc6

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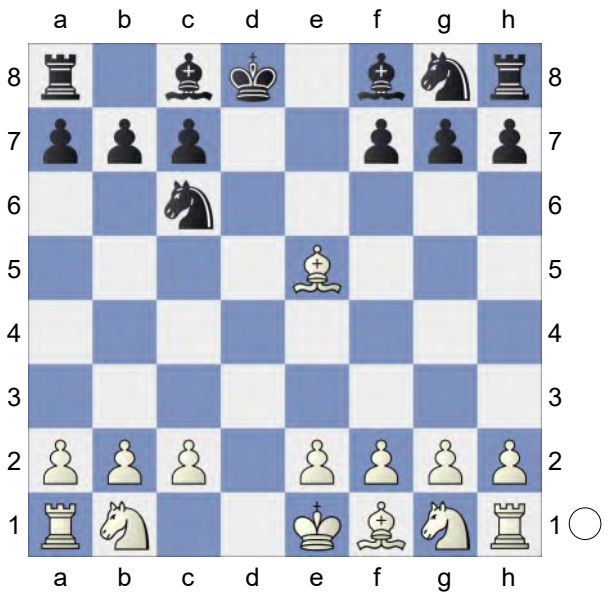
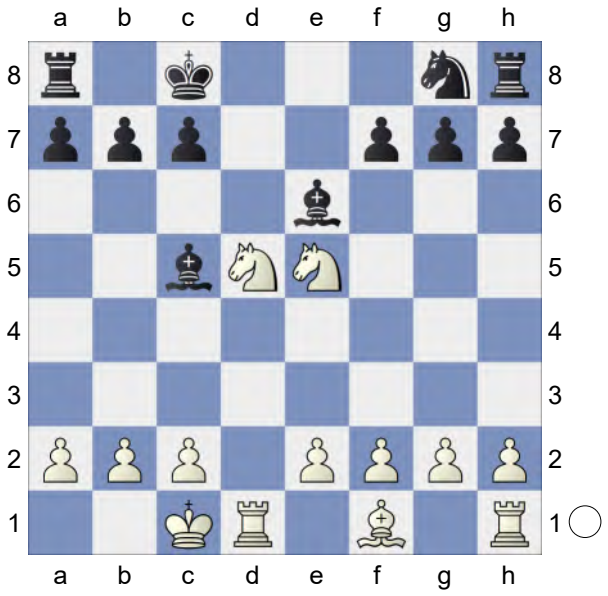
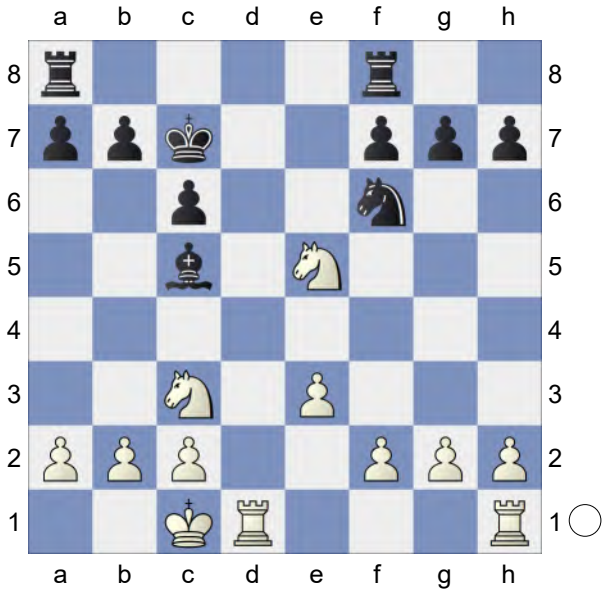


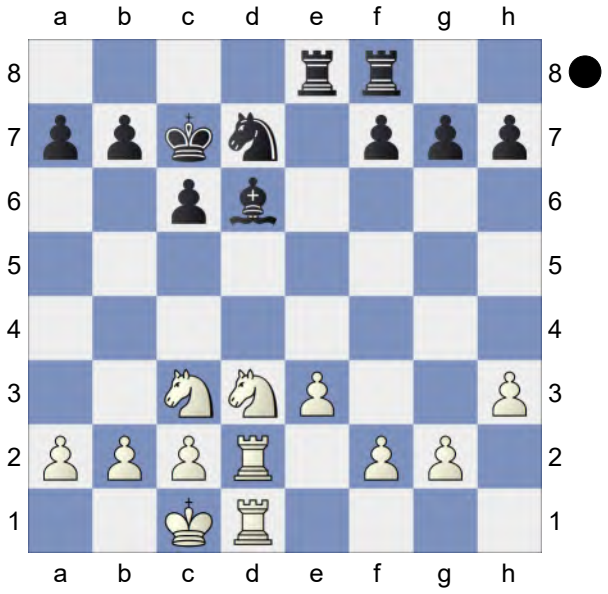
6.Nf3 1.17/21
[6.Bg3+- 1.96/19]
6...Nxe5± 7.Nxe5 Be6 8.Nc3 0.87/19
[⌓8.e3 1.50/21]
8...Bb4 1.27/19
[Black should play 8...c6 0.87/19]
9.0-0-0+ Kc8 10.Nd5 Prevents Nf6
10...Bc5 1.72/20
[10...Bd6± 1.36/20]



11.e3 c6 12.Nc3 1.18/21 Excellent horsemanship.
[⌓12.Nf4 1.60/20 and Nxe6 would now be decisive Bxa2 13.Ned3]
12...Nf6 13.Bc4 Bxc4 14.Nxc4 Kc7 Wards off Nd6 **15.Ne5 Rhf8**



16.Rd2 0.72/23 White has more active pieces.
[16.Nd3 1.33/20 Bb6 17.a3]
16...Rae8 1.12/22
[⌓16...Bb4 0.72/23]
17.Nd3 Bd6 18.h3 Nd7 19.Rhd1



Nb6 20.Nf4 0.78/21
[⌓20.Ne1 1.24/17 Re6 21.Ne2]
20...Be5
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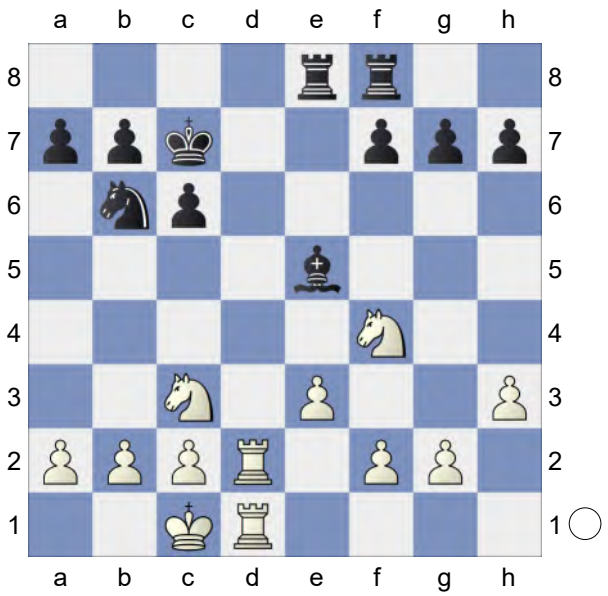
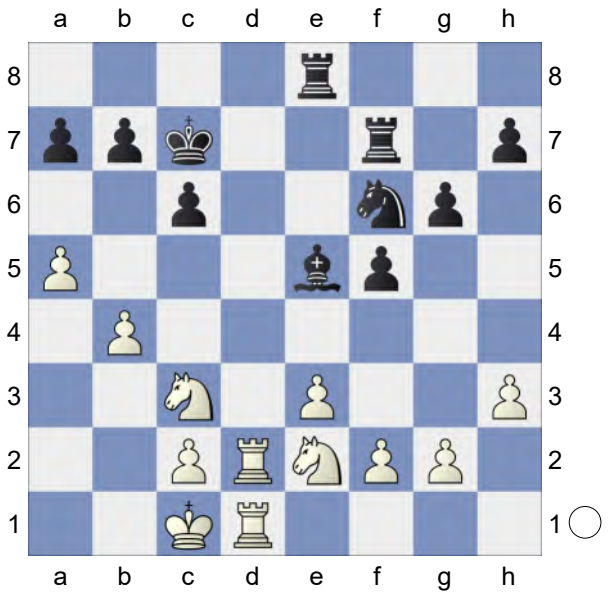
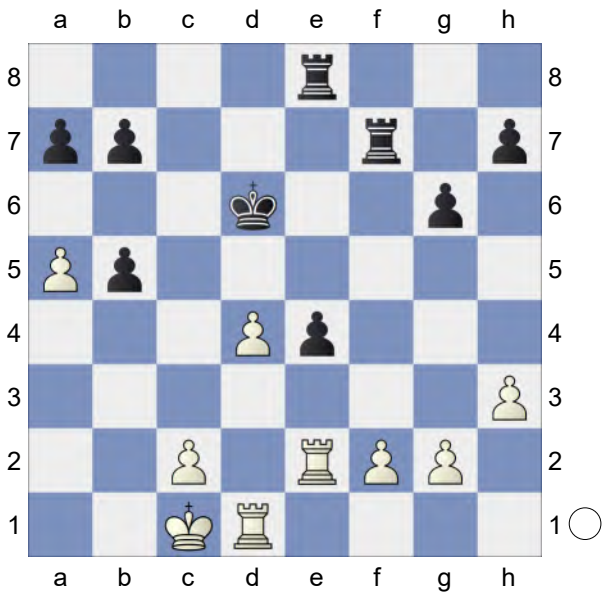


21.Nfe2 f5 22.a4 Rf7 23.b3 g6 24.a5 Nd7 25.b4 Nf6

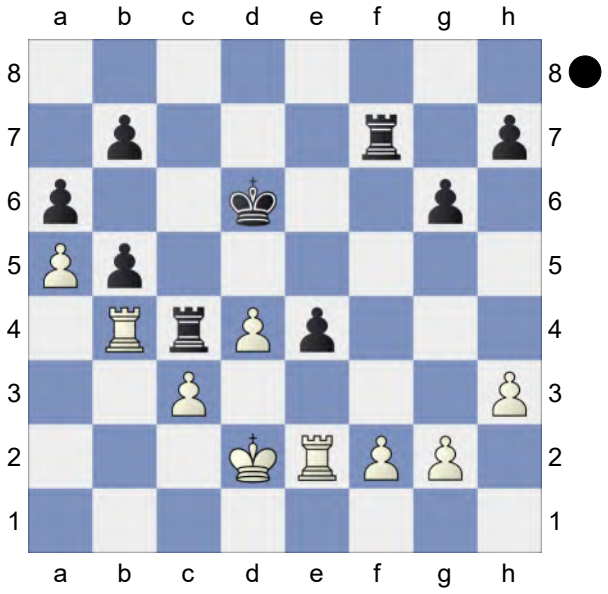


26.b5 0.15/20
[26.Nd4± 0.55/20]
26...Ne4!= 27.Nxe4 fxe4 28.Nd4 Bxd4 29.exd4 cxb5 Endgame KRR-KRR
30.Re2 Kd6

(Diagram)



31.c3 Rc8 32.Kd2 -0.47/22
[32.Kb2= 0.00/21 was preferable.]
32...Rc4 33.Rb1 -0.64/22
[33.Rxe4= -0.24/20 b4 *(33...Rxf2+ 34.Kd3∓)* 34.f3]
33...a6∓ 34.Rb4? -2.66/24
[White should try 34.Rxe4∓ -0.66/22 Rxf2+ 35.Kd3]



34...Rxb4!-+ 35.cxb4 Kd5

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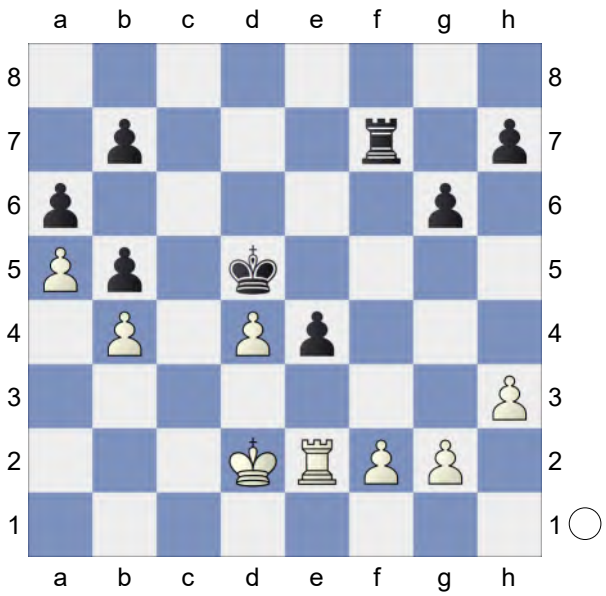
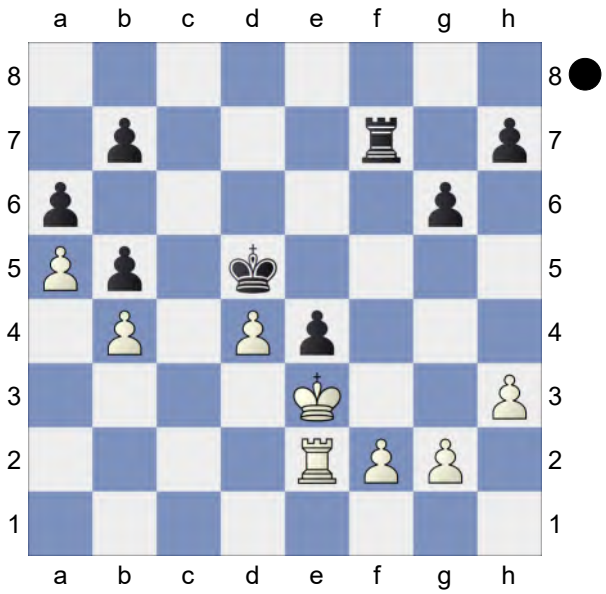


Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.08 (flawless)

36.Ke3



An unexpected result.

½-½

125 **A40**

□ **Wunderlich,Matthias**

■ **Garcia,Carlos Anibal**

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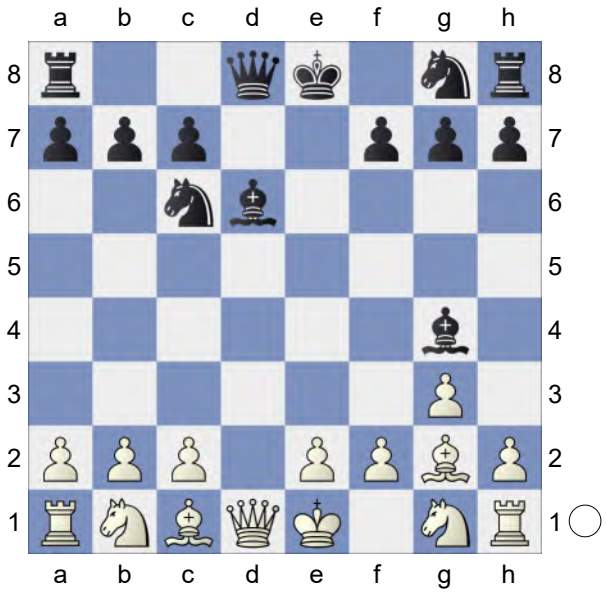
[TA]

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.g3 Bg4 5.Bg2 Nc6



6.Nf3 Qd7 1.29/6

[⌓6...Qe7 0.96/6]

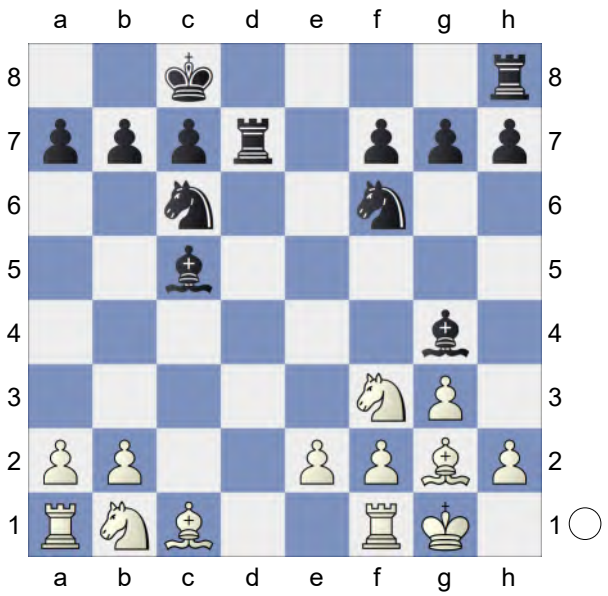
7.0-0 0-0-0 8.c4 White is clearly better.

8...Nf6 9.c5? -0.36/5

[9.Nc3± 1.31/6]

9...Bxc5∓ 10.Qxd7+ Rxd7

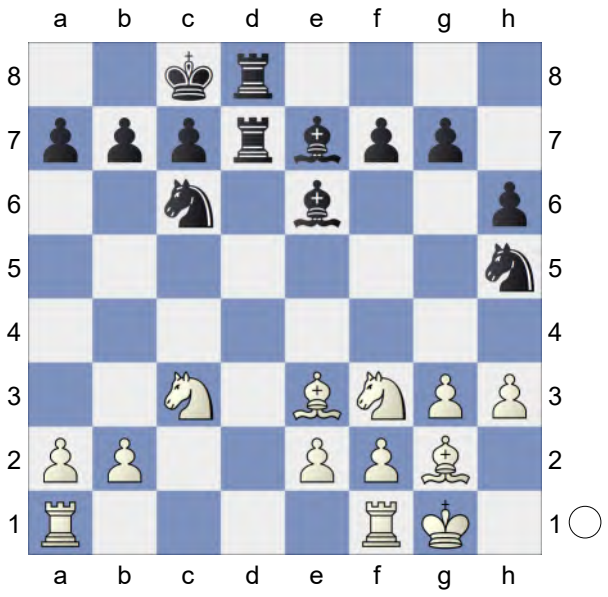
(Diagram)



11.Nc3 Rhd8 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Bf4 Nh5 -0.05/6

[13...Bb4∓ -0.44/4 is superior.]

14.Be3= h6 Against Ng5 **15.h3 Be6**



16.Rfc1 a6 17.Na4 Kb8 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Bxc5 Nf6 20.e3 Ne4 0.12/6

[⌓20...Bd5 -0.22/8]

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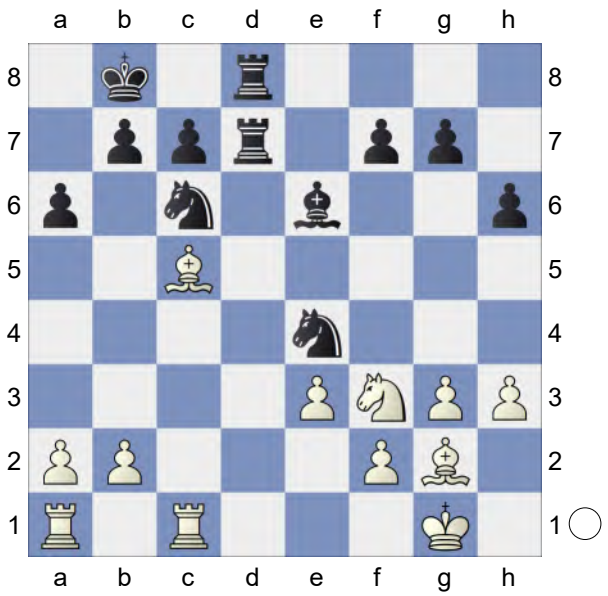


21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.Bxd4 A strong pair of Bishops. **22...Nf6** 0.73/5

[22...f5= 0.21/6]

23.a4 0.30/6

[23.Kh2± 0.73/5]

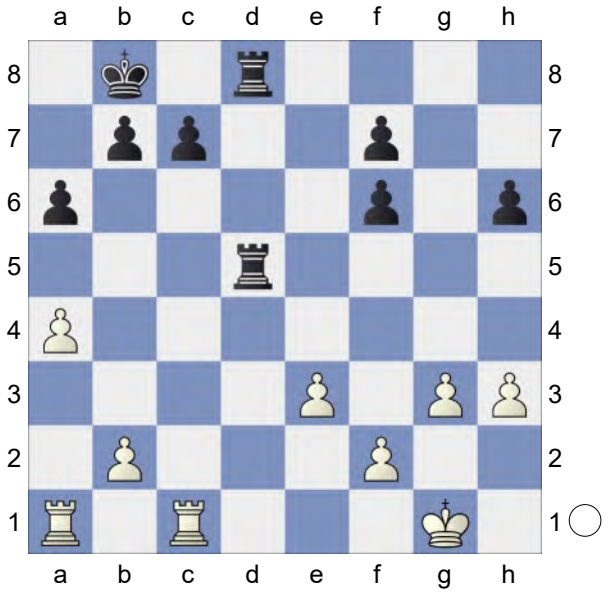
23...Bd5 0.78/6

[23...Rxd4= 0.30/6 deserves consideration. 24.exd4 Rxd4]

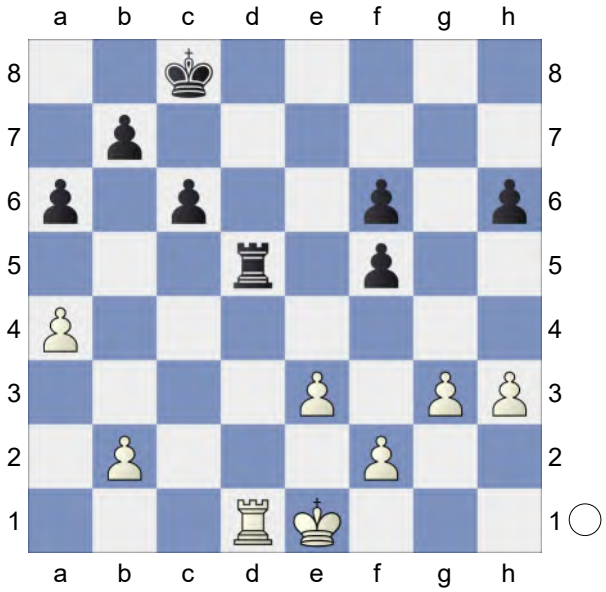
24.Bxf6 0.29/5

[White should play 24.e4± 0.78/6 Strongly threatening Bxf6. Bc6 25.Bc3]

24...gxf6 25.Bxd5 Rxd5±



Endgame KRR-KRR **26.Kf1 f5 27.Ke1 f6** 0.75/6
[27...R8d6= 0.16/7 remains equal.]
28.Rd1 0.15/6
[28.Rab1± 0.75/6]
28...Kc8 29.Rxd5 Rxd5= KR-KR
30.Rd1 0.00/6 Inhibits Rd3.
[30.Rc1± 0.35/6]
30...c6? 4.10/6
[30...Rxd1+= 0.00/6 and Black stays safe. 31.Kxd1 Kd7]



31.Rxd5+- cxd5 KP-KP **32.Kd2** 3.36/6
[⌓32.b4 8.13/6 Kd7 33.h4]
32...Kd7

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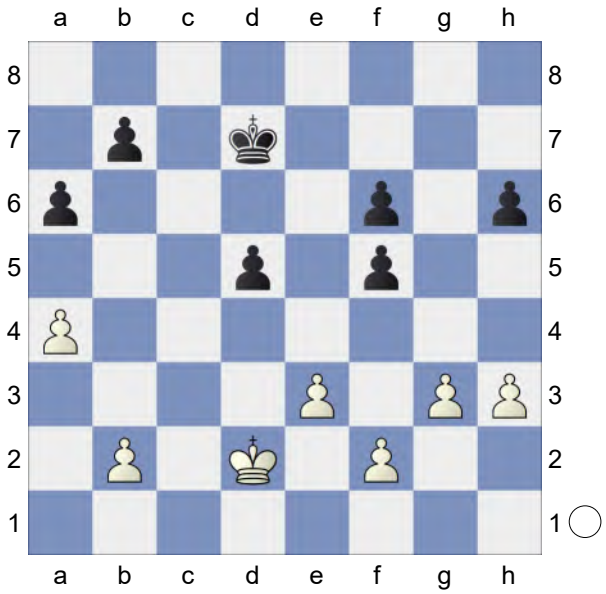
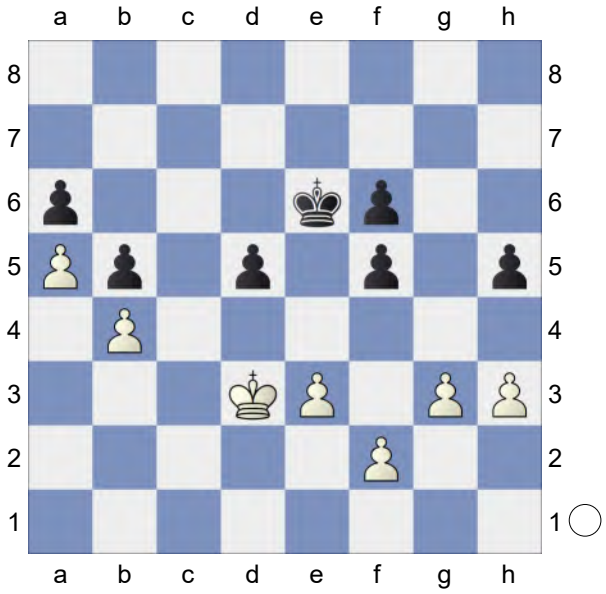


33.b4! White is clearly winning. **33...b5 34.a5 Ke6 35.Kd3 h5**



36.Kd4 Kd6

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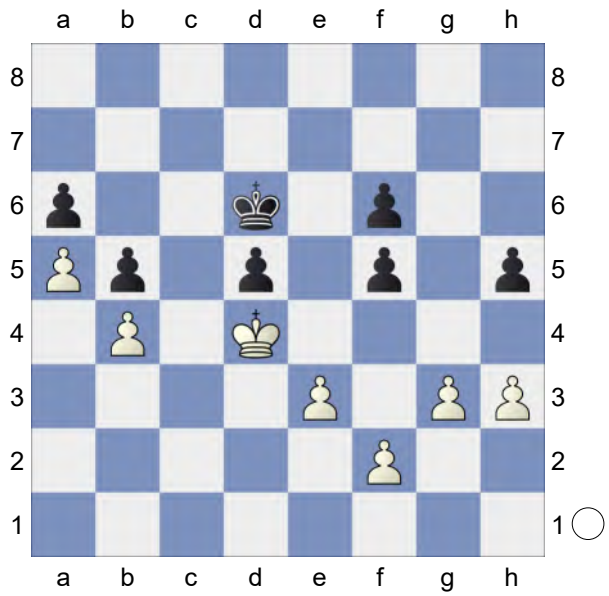
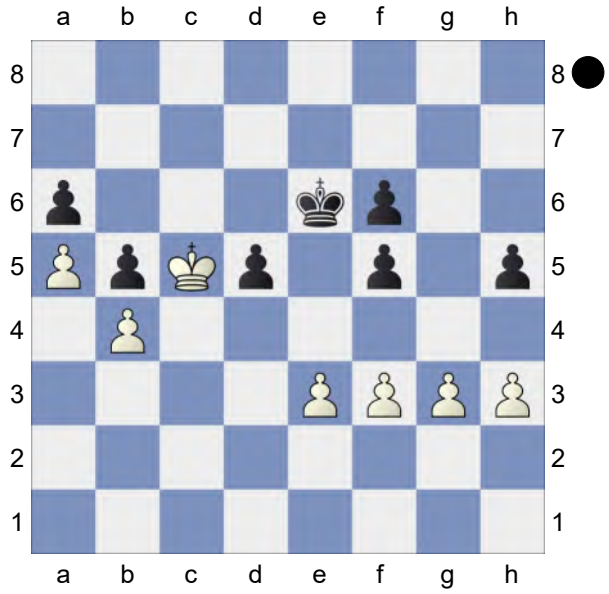


37.f3! Ke6 38.Kc5



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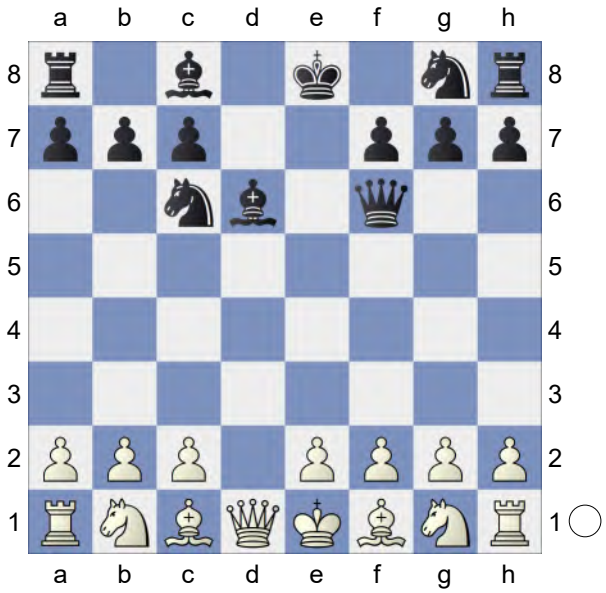
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 d6 3.Bf4 Nc6 4.exd6 Qf6 5.Bc1 Bxd6



6.c3 Bf5

[6...Qg6!?]

7.e3 -1.09/4

[7.Nf3± 0.39/6]

7...0-0-0∓ Black has strong compensation. **8.Nd2** Black is better.

8...Qg6 -0.18/3

[Black should play 8...Ne5∓ -1.03/6]

9.h3? -1.79/2

[9.Ngf3= -0.18/3]

9...Nf6 -2.23/5

[⌓9...Ne5 -1.79/2 And now ...Bc2 would win. 10.Ngf3 Nd3+ 11.Bxd3 Bxd3]

10.Ngf3-+

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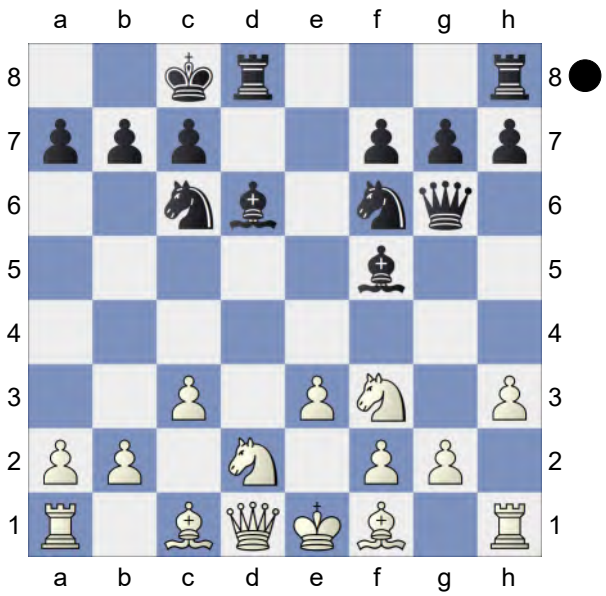

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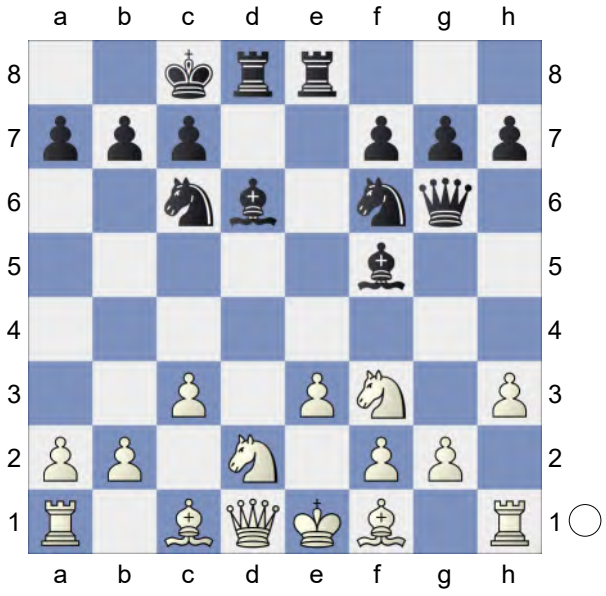

White must now prevent ...Rxe3+! Black has good play. &Nero is much more active. The white rooks are badly placed.

11.Qa4? -4.71/4

[Only move: 11.Nh4!∓ -0.38/4 Rxe3+ 12.Be2]

11...Bc2 12.Nb3 Ne4 13.Nh4

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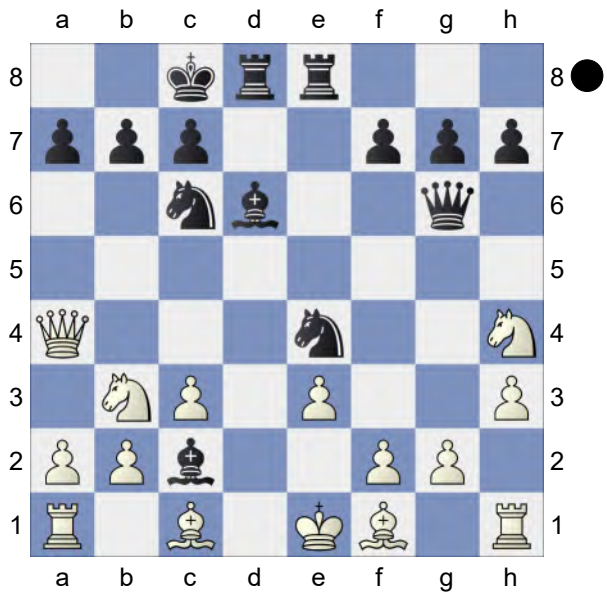
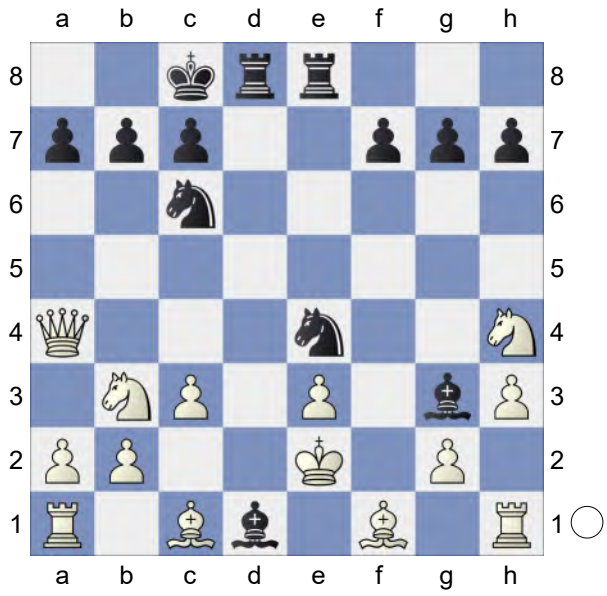


Qg3 14.fxg3

[14.Qxe4 Rxe4]

14...Bxg3+ 15.Ke2 Bd1#



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